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May. 1846 to February. 1849.

Hon. Geo. Bancroft
Secy of the Navy

United States Frigate United States
Boston Harbor 27 May 1846.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of instructions dated the 21st Inst., and shall carry them into effect the moment the said [illegible].

We are still deficient in complement of crew, but I shall not permit the ship to be detained on that account.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
G. C. Read

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U. States Frigate U. States
off Boston Light House
June 2nd 1846

The Honorable
George Bancroft

Sir

The Frigate U. States has been detained since Saturday last by an easterly wind and foggy weather, but I have the pleasure to inform you that she is now under weigh and has passed the Light House.

We have not been able to complete the complement of Seamen allowed, there being a deficiency of fifteen, but we have taken Ordinary Seamen and Landsmen in their place.

Your letter of the 28th ult. and copy of a communication made to the Department by the Honorable Daniel Webster and others, have been received and marked with due attention.

I send herewith a correct return of the officers and crew of the "U. States" and in the hope that I may be able to fulfil the instructions with which I am charged

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt. Servant
Geo. C. Read

R 163 June 5

Com. [illegible] [illegible]

U. States [illegible] [illegible]
at sea 7 P.M. Lat 36°32' N
16 June - Long 34 52 W

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] respect
[illegible] to the United States. I [illegible] it my duty to inform you of the progress [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] to our station. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pleasant weather or favorable [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible], but all weather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have sailed from the United States but a few days before us with but one [illegible] [illegible] to the eastward. Most of them were too distant to speak without running greatly out of our way & causing much detention. We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] company [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but such as were evidently from other [illegible] than the United States, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] none such have been seen.

The officers & crew are in good health with the exception of a few of the latter, who were afflicted with bad colds, before our departure, and the Chaplain with whom I fear we shall be obliged to part on our arrival at [illegible]. [illegible] has [illegible] him much, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of duties which [illegible] we have been at sea.

I shall try to persuade the Chaplain [illegible] [illegible] now with [illegible] [illegible] to continue on the station but if I should not succeed, you will oblige us by sending a chaplain by the first conveyance.

The unusual small number of midshipmen attached to the ship when she left Boston is also a circumstance to which I must call your attent-

ion. There are only six officers of this Clas
on board. An additional number of fo
ing would be very acceptable.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt servant
Geo. C. Read

Done July 23d.

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[illegible] should be [illegible] by [illegible] Coast.

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[illegible] the [illegible]

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Commanding U.S. Naval For[illegible]
On the Coast of Africa

P.S. The [illegible] directed the

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[illegible] fifteen [illegible] dated [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

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Commanding [illegible]
[illegible]

Enclosure
[illegible]

Ackd. Nov 16.

R241 Aug 10.

Ackd Nov 16.

R241 Aug 10 - [illegible]

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U.S. Frigate United States.
Porto Praya June 4 - 46.

Sir,

I recommend that the following men viz.
Henry [illegible] affected with [illegible]
Benjamin Ballard " " Chronic Rheumatism.
Charles Tucker " " Loss of Teeth
William Speed " " General Debility and
Martin Preston " " [illegible]
be sent home as unfit for duties on the Coast of Africa

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
T. Dillard
Fleet Surgeon

Capt. Joseph Smoot
Comm'g U.S. Frigate
United States.

Commodore George C. Read

Sir,

The above men have been reported by the Surgeon of the Ship as unfit for service. I beg leave to request that they may be sent to the U. States in the Jamestown

I am with respect
Y. Obt Servant,
Joseph Smoot
Capt.

Approved
Geo. C. Read

[illegible]

Sir,

I have the honor to report [illegible] to the Lords Commissioners [illegible] arrived at [illegible] yesterday [illegible] commanded [illegible] of the [illegible] commenced [illegible] had intended [illegible] the time [illegible] the "Dolphin" [illegible] has been down the coast, and will [illegible] proceed [illegible] August.

The "[illegible]" has been on the coast since May last, and [illegible] at [illegible] for water in a few days. She has been cruising off [illegible] for some time, and will not return to the [illegible] until October next.

The "[illegible]" left this place about a fortnight ago on her way to [illegible].

And [illegible] to make a few remarks as to the various inconveniences under which a Commanding Officer labours in governing the movements of a [illegible] so scattered [illegible] at so great a distance from each other. [illegible] with all the [illegible] at [illegible], the movements might have been regulated with precision — [illegible] might have known when the [illegible] would come to [illegible], to [illegible], but the uncertainty of the time at which they might return

to the

[illegible] the relation to which I shou
[illegible] by remaining for some return
[illegible] determination to revert to the
[illegible] such instructions for some instance as
might have rendered the good of the public [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] has been [illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible] on the station eight months and that
commander [illegible] relieved at the expiration
[illegible] Instead from the limited [illegible]
[illegible] of the climate [illegible] should
that [illegible] being enough to be [illegible]
on the station. I am also satisfied that [illegible]
force of eighty guns permanently on the [illegible]
[illegible] an additional number of [illegible]
[illegible] to effect the necessary timely relief.
And I am of opinion that the force, to be [illegible]
[illegible] should be composed entirely of small
vessels of fourteen or sixteen guns, and that
commander in chief should be stationary
direct the affairs of the squadron. Four [illegible]
might be substituted for the frigate, which [illegible]
multiply the number of cruizers sufficiently
[illegible] of their being allowed to go to windward
at shorter periods than has been customary.

In reply to a note sent [illegible]
[illegible] Governor of Liberia offering any [illegible]
to the colony which it might be in my power
[illegible] to render, I am happy to inform you
[illegible] present relations with the surrounding [illegible]
are of the most friendly character".

The enclosed letter of resign
has been handed to me by [illegible] Midshipman
[illegible] with a request that I should forward

[illegible] We are now engaged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

I have the honor to be with
great respect Your Obt Servt

Geo. C. Read

Comg U.S. Naval Force
On the West Coast of Africa

ack - app -
thank him for his sugges
as to the class of vessel
suitable for the service
let the Dolphin retur
home at the end of 1
months -

Ackd Feb 6. 18

R. 174 Dan [illegible] F. Ha

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[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Sir

In my letter [illegible] dated the 12th of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

neighborhood have been made amongst which are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] August [illegible]

[illegible] morning of the 12th of August and anchored [illegible] on the 15th of [illegible] state that the [illegible] Dupuoana and the French authorities [illegible] terminated amicably [illegible] to the ship and [illegible]

[illegible] August [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] point, [illegible] to the Lake de Vestes for provisions.

Having communicated with Lieut Commandant [illegible]

[illegible] sought under [illegible]
[illegible] the State of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] we anchored [illegible]
[illegible] at the [illegible]
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[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible] and that [illegible]
[illegible] discharge on the [illegible]
[illegible] nothing but the [illegible]
[illegible] a short account [illegible]
[illegible] caused the [illegible]
[illegible] disagreeable [illegible]
[illegible] following morning [illegible]
[illegible] weighed the [illegible] and we anchored [illegible]
[illegible] on Monday [illegible]
[illegible] Here we found [illegible]
[illegible] French Brig of war [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in good health [illegible]
[illegible] which could not be [illegible]
[illegible] quantities at [illegible]
[illegible] give the Commander [illegible]
[illegible] for that purpose [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] him [illegible]
[illegible] to look in at the [illegible] to inform [illegible]
[illegible] under American [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] him to [illegible] whether [illegible]
perhaps

[illegible]

[illegible] understanding [illegible]

[illegible] in English [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] state [illegible] nothing that [illegible]
[illegible] on board [illegible]
[illegible] not more than
[illegible] the number of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] should
[illegible] it is not [illegible]
[illegible] would have been [illegible]
[illegible]

At Cape [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] can only be obtained by the
[illegible] of slaves on board the vessel, [illegible]
[illegible] them [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible] not mention
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] from the [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] quitted for the [illegible]
[illegible] of the slave.

There is generally much grea
manifested by officers on their first coming
[illegible] of obtaining credit for
[illegible], in themselves, they do

(That ca

[illegible]
[illegible] But [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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At Cape [illegible] Boats and
[illegible] are not at all [illegible] to the
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] station [illegible]
[illegible] not intended [illegible] the
number of vessels on the [illegible] should [illegible]
[illegible] a change [illegible]
[illegible] which would [illegible]
[illegible] particular [illegible]
[illegible] small [illegible]
slaves and the coast being [illegible],
[illegible] at [illegible] distances
from the land. [illegible] Boats, which
might be supplied at [illegible], would answer
much better than the frigate, and [illegible] the

[illegible] would not then be left so long as they
[illegible] have been without an American [illegible]

The health of the crew of the
[illegible] has been remarkably go
[illegible] has been uncommonly
[illegible] that they will
[illegible] contented, during the period in which they are employed. But I re
[illegible] most [illegible]
[illegible] death of Edward Mc[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I transmit herewith a duplic
[illegible] dated 12th July last.
[illegible] made to me by Comdr [illegible] of the
[illegible] Comdr Pope [illegible]
[illegible] E. C. Bebham [illegible]
[illegible] correspondence of T. J. Bebham
[illegible] French [illegible] at the Gaboon.
[illegible] on board the "U. States"
"Marion" & "Dale".
[illegible] Meteorological [illegible] on board the U. St
"Marion" & "Dale."
[illegible] the "U. State
[illegible]
[illegible] of the U. State
[illegible] "Dale" & "Bebham".

Since closing this letter I cannot refrain
[illegible] the great inconvenience by our dep
[illegible] so distant from the present
most active

most active slave marts. [illegible]
[illegible] remarkably [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] all the [illegible]
[illegible] the squadron of [illegible] British [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
she had but [illegible] days on the station to which
she had been ordered, when she returned, her
commander fearing he might get short of
provisions.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt servt
G. C. Read
Comdg [illegible]
On the West Coast of Africa

P. S. [illegible] flag [illegible]
[illegible] leaving the U. States.

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[illegible] Comm^r Read
Report No 3 — 16 pp. 1846

U.S. Ship "Marion"
Bermuda Roads 15 Sep 1846

Sir

I have the honor to inform you of the proceedings of the ship under my command, since separating from the Flag-ship in May last.

Having received four months supply of provisions and other necessary stores, we sailed from Porto Praya on the 11th of May, and in pursuance of orders from Com^o Skinner, proceeded towards Kabenda, first touching at Monrovia, where we arrived on the 28. May, I sent on shore to the store house some barrels of Beef & Pork, which had been put on board this ship to be left there for the "Boxer". After filling up with wood & water, sailed again 30 May, but light winds & an unusual northerly current made our progress slow. 9th June, hove to off Cape Palmas, and sent a note to Gov. Russwurm, to obtain information respecting a report of war being declared between the U. States & Great Britain which we had heard was the case, from an English brig, while at Monrovia. The Governor answered that the tone of English papers of a late date, which he had seen, was pacific, and the report of war probably unfounded.

We filled away again, and stood on our course to the Southward & East^d. On the 4th July crossed the Equator, and on the 12th passed near the Island of Annabon. Owing to adverse winds & a strong current setting westward, the passage proved to be a long & tedious one. 1st August

(discovered)

R&O De 17 Hams

[illegible] long [illegible]

[illegible] Bay, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Ship [illegible]

[illegible] examination of the [illegible]

[illegible] of all the [illegible]

[illegible] hauling the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Barton with [illegible]

[illegible] the ship, in charge of the [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] of one letter to [illegible]

[illegible] also [illegible]

[illegible] Barton accompany this report.

[illegible]

[illegible] we [illegible]

[illegible] employed on [illegible]

[illegible] being completed [illegible]

[illegible] together with the [illegible]

[illegible] passage to Monrovia, [illegible]

[illegible] to commence our return [illegible]

[illegible] we got under way on the 30 day [illegible]

[illegible] from thence [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] arrived on the 9th [illegible]

[illegible] communicated with the [illegible]

[illegible] informed of the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] Mary, left on the [illegible]

[illegible] we anchored in the [illegible]

[illegible] Inst.

[illegible]

[illegible] with the [illegible]

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All [illegible]

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U.S. Brig "Dolphin"
Porto Praya [illegible]

Sir

I have the honor to report my arrival at this port.

In obedience to instructions I left Porto Praya on the evening of the 2nd instant, proceeded with all possible dispatch to Palmas, Grand Canary, at which place I arrived on the [illegible] of the same month. Soon after anchoring I was visited by the Health officer, who informed me that all vessels coming from the Coast of Africa or the Cape Verde Islands, must first touch at Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, and obtain pratique before they could communicate with any of the Canary islands. I therefore immediately weighed anchor & proceeded to Santa Cruz where I arrived next day. I was informed by the Health officer that all vessels from the Cape Verde Islands, with clean bills of health, were subject to an observation of fifteen days and that the period could not be lessened in my favor. Nor could I prevail in any way to have it shortened.

The accomplishment of the special purpose for which I was sent to the Islands left me no other alternative than to wait out the quarantine & hasten my departure as soon after as possible. I obtained pratique on the 10th inst. and I left immediately for Palmas, which I reached next morning. There I remained five days, and on my own liability on shore, obtained money for the vessel & purchased as many beans as could be procured; and, proceeded on the morning of the 17th for this port.

In examining the bow of this vessel I found

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[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had been [illegible] Nelson. The name of the people [illegible]
[illegible] the vessel. I am also [illegible]
[illegible] I cannot learn [illegible]
[illegible] in charge of H. B. M. Nelson [illegible]
[illegible] the vessel, the charges alleged against
the Portuguese passengers [illegible]
[illegible] taken from the Brig [illegible]
[illegible] might [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] perfectly [illegible].

I am [illegible] a copy of a [illegible] from Capt. Mansel of the English [illegible] relative to the capture of the Brig "James Nelson" [illegible] in the possession of [illegible] to [illegible] with the other documents, [illegible] of the U. S. [illegible] State of [illegible]

Manuel Pinto da Fonseca, [illegible] the Brig "Malaga" is a principal slave merchant [illegible] the Consignee [illegible] principal agent in that traffic.

The following is a list of the Captain & Crew of the Brig "Malaga"

[illegible] Smith	Master	Luther Madison	Seaman
[illegible] Smith	Mate	Geo. E. Morse	-
[illegible]	2nd	[illegible] Cook	-
[illegible]	Seaman	Ed. Schaffer	-
[illegible]	Boy	[illegible]	Cook & Steward

I am very Resp'y
Your ob't Serv't
Signed [illegible] Bispham
Com'g U. S. Brig "Bayer"

[illegible]
Com'g U. S. Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

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I, George Mansel, Captain of H. B. M. Ship "Nelson", do hereby certify, that on the morning of the seventh of April in the present year I boarded a Brig at Anchor [illegible] seven miles distant from the town of Kabenda. She being then Calm I sent a boat to examine her. She proved to be the American Brig "Malaga" Capt Smith with a general cargo & some Brazilian passengers, last from Rio de Janeiro, having had a passage of 52 days. Captain Smith positively denied all knowledge of a Brigantine we had captured a few days before, which Brigantine had neither Colors or ships papers, but with a full & complete fitting for the transport of slaves. The said Brigantine had been absolutely abandoned by her crew not a living soul left on board, she had written on her Stern "James Nelson New York". The master observed she was a New York vessel. Captain Smith informed the officer that he was going into Kabenda, from thence to Loango, & to the island of St Thomas. During the conversation between the Officer & Capt Smith, the people of the brig were told by our boats Crew of our having captured the vessel above named, they immediately said, the "Jas. Nelson" had belonged to the U. States, but had been sold, two days previous to her quitting Rio, to the Brazilians for Eight thousand dollars. That she had sailed the same day as the "Malaga" & expressed surprise that so fast a vessel had not beaten them more. They also enquired if we had captured a barque, that had sailed for the Coast two days before them. When asked the name of that barque, they said they could not tell. One of our boats Crew told them in return to take care as there was an American man of war to the northward.

They

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The following [illegible]

[illegible] Malaga

[illegible]

William [illegible]

[illegible]

Christopher Cook

Benj [illegible]

[illegible]

Wm Callahan

[illegible] Morgan

[illegible]

James C. Skinner

[illegible] U.S. Naval [illegible]

on the West Coast of Africa

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[illegible]

[illegible] on Saturday [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] with instructions [illegible]

[illegible] the following [illegible]

[illegible] on board [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] American [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] American [illegible]

Brig [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

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H. M. Brig [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Aug [illegible]

Sir

I have heard with great plea-
sure that the [illegible] [illegible] had arrived on the
[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
morning, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I have been obliged to inform you
that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spring. I have had
[illegible], and am obliged to [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible].

Your obedient Servant
Signed [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

To
Com^r [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Naval Forces
On the West Coast of Africa

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Com. [illegible] C. Read
[illegible]
On the West Coast of Africa

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H.M. Brig [illegible]
[illegible]

Sir,

I have the honor [illegible] enclosed [illegible] copy of a Communication [illegible] the [illegible] of the French officer on the subject of a salute.

I am Sir
Your obedient
Signed [illegible]
Commander

To
Com. Sir C. [illegible]
[illegible]
On the West Coast of Africa

No. 1 Translation

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M^r Commander,

I do not doubt that the rights [illegible] the French [illegible] the [illegible] as they result from the international Treaties of the 29th [illegible] and the 14th [illegible] are known to you. Nevertheless I think it my duty to [illegible] you that your ship is in French waters, before a French establishment of which I am the chief.

It is in this capacity that I come to demand the salute to our flag, in regard to which I regret that you have not taken the initiative.

I pray you, M^r Commander, to be good

enough to enable you to [illegible] to them in [illegible] in order that I may conform to the [illegible] that I have received on this subject, transmitted to [illegible] the [illegible] of Minister of Marine, that [illegible] accord between the two Governments.

Be pleased to accept, Mr Commander, the assurance of my distinguished sentiments.

The Commandant of the Post d'Ulumale

Signed
[illegible]

To Mr Commander of the
Brig [illegible]

(Copy)

No. 3.

H.M. Brig [illegible]
[illegible]

Sir

[illegible] personal visit to day, I regret that you have adopted [illegible] your letter of this date and trust that you will see the propriety of withdrawing it so as to enable me to carry into effect my original intentions.

I am respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Signed) [illegible]
Comd. H.M. Brig [illegible]

To
[illegible] Esq
Comd. French Post d'Ulumale

(Copy)

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No. 3 Translation

Fort d'Aumale [illegible]

Mr. Commander

Excuse me a little [illegible] not being in my power [illegible] the letter that I have written to you this morning because [illegible] I have the confirmation of my instructions but I beg you to believe that I shall be [illegible] without [illegible] circumstance which **does not** allow [illegible] to [illegible] at [illegible] one of the hours of [illegible] company.

Be pleased to accept I beg you Mr. Commander the renewed assurance of my distinguished sentiments.

The Commander of the Fort d'Aumale
(Signed)

To the Commander of the Brig "Rosa" River Gabon

(Copy)

No. 11

H. M. Brig "Rosa"
River Gabon 21 May 184[illegible]

Sir

I anchored in the waters of the Gabon on Monday night the 19th inst. On the following day I shifted my berth a short distance up the river. I had a right to expect that the vessel under your command would have been visited by a boat from the "Block" house established here under the French flag.

As such civility however has been [illegible]

on Wednesday

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

at the time of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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No. 3 Translation

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[illegible] Commandant

[illegible]

[illegible] his [illegible]

[illegible] Commandant [illegible]

[illegible] seen on the [illegible].

[illegible] Mr Commandant that I [illegible] to regret the circumstances which [illegible]

[illegible] me of the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] all [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] Union.

Please [illegible] Mr. Commandant the [illegible] of my most distinguished [illegible].

The Commandant of [illegible]
[illegible]

To the Commandant of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

(Copy)

No 6

[illegible]
[illegible]

Sir,

Information [illegible] official [illegible] informed me that you would not receive a visit from me [illegible] the French flag.

[illegible] the [illegible] between the Commander [illegible] the French [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] an explanation of your conduct, [illegible] you will give me [illegible]

I am Sir
Your obedt
Signed [illegible]
Comdt [illegible]

To
[illegible]
Comdt [illegible]

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No. 7 Translation 17

[illegible]
[illegible]

My Commandant

[illegible] to offer [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Commandant [illegible] to
[illegible] you [illegible] offer [illegible]

[illegible] keeping [illegible] that Commandant [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] the village of [illegible] great astonishment [illegible]

[illegible] make [illegible] the letter [illegible] strange [illegible] the exchange of [illegible] to be made [illegible] the flag of our [illegible] the officer of the [illegible] of receiving you until you were decided to [illegible]

The Commencement of these [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] command [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Government [illegible]

[illegible] the affairs of the [illegible] Commander in Chief

[illegible] honor to be with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the English Brig [illegible]

[illegible] French [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] trading on the Coast

[illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] bound [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Recorded by U.S.B. Regr

11 Aug 1826

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Report of Vessels boarded by Frigate United States.

[illegible]	Month.	Day.	[illegible]	Nation.	Name of Master.	Where	Number of days out.	When Boarded.	Cargo.	Remarks.
Lat. 4° [illegible] Long. [illegible]	July	27th	Schooner Mary 149 Tons.	English.	Wm Whiteum.	Cape Ca	4th	10.30. A.M.	Palm Oil	
El Mina	July	29th	Hollander. 276 Tons.	American.	S. Levett.	Cape		9. A.M.	Rum & Palm Oil.	
Cape Coast	July	29th	Barque Kolice 212 Tons.	American.	Jno. Gallop.	El M		10. A.M	Rum & Palm Oil.	
Cape Coast	July	29th	Brig Tigris. 170 Tons.	American.	Chas. Fisk.	El. M	[illegible] 2nd June.	10. A.M.	Rum.	
Off Quitta	July	30th	H. B. M. Brig "Ranger".	English.				2. P.M.		
Off Quitta.	July	30.	French Brig of War "Surprise"	French	Suise de Rufug			1 PM.		
Whydah.	July	31st	Brig Escalus.	American of New York.		Bah left 12	2d March.	9.30. A.M.	Had Rum & Tobacco but all discharged.	
Rio Lagos.	August	1st	Brig Polacca Eve.	Genoese.		Ba	50 days.	11 A. M.	Rum, Tobacco & Crockery	
"	"		Brig Polacca Archangel.	Sardinian.		"	14 "	" "	" " "	
"	"		~~Barque~~ Isile.	Swede.		"	"	" "	" " "	
Princes Island West Bay	August.	7th	Barque Rhine.	American.		New	...nths, 7 days.	10. A.M.	Whale Oil.	

To Capt. Joseph Smoot
Comdg U. S. Frigate United States

Very Respectfully &c
H. H. Bell Lieut.
U. S. Frigate United
31st August 1846

Visited . U. S. Frigate
"United States"

31 Aug 1845

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Report of Vessels seen, spoken or boarded by the U. S. Ship Marion from May 6. to Sept. 15. 1846 inclus.

Where Cruiser seen or other	Date	Rate	Nation	Name of Vessel	Name of Master	Where from	No. of days out	Where bound	Cargo	[illegible]	Remarks
	1846										
Porto Praya	May 6	Schooner	American	Cosmopolitan	—	Mayo	1	Baltimore	Salt	—	The master states [illegible] being defrauded of the amount of his Cargo when on the Coast
At Sea	" 19	"	French	—	Louis Collet French Navy	Congo Coast	30 odd	Gorree	—	—	The brig is the French Brig of war „[illegible]" from on the Southern Coast
off Cape Mount	" 23	Sloop of War	English	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Exchanged Signals
" "	" "	Brig of War	English	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	"
" "	" "	" "	French	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Showed our Colours
Monrovia Bay	" 24.	Brig	Bremen	Corandine	—	—	—	—	—	—	From a trading voyage to Leeward.
" "	" 28.	Brigantine	English	Venus.	Hoodland	Kroo Coast	1.	Sierra Leone	Palm oil	—	Reports having met at Gradetown the English [illegible] „Amelia" 28 days from Bristol bringing news of a War between the U. S. and G. Britain. She met also another vessel from Liverpool giving the same intelligence.
off Congo River	July 31.	Brig of War	"	Kingfisher	Powel	St Helena		Cabenda	Reports the „Oregon Question" about to be amicably settled.		The other vessel in sight she states to be H. B. M. Brig „Wasp" bound up the Congo River.
Cabinda Bay	August 2	Brig	American	Casket	H. E. Woodbury	Congo River	—	Rio Janeiro	Sand Ballast	7.	Belongs to Beverly, Mass. Brought a Slave Cargo from Rio; is chartered to a Brazilian and consigned to a Slave dealer at Cabenda. Discharged her Cargo in the Congo and returned to this place. Brought over passengers, who left her in that river. Being unable to prove herself a legal Trader, seized her, & sent her to Boston for trial.
" "	" "	Sloop of War	English	Larne	Brisbane	—	—	—	—	—	
" "	" "	Brig of War	French	St. Leger	De St Germain	—	—	—	—		
" "	" 4.	Brigantine	English	Cosmopolite	Daniels	Southern Coast	—	—	Trading Cargo	—	
" "	" 5.	Brig of War	"	Wasp	Usher.	Congo river	—	—	—	—	Capt. Usher states that he spoke the Amer. hermaphr. Brig Margaret Ann, whose Master expressed a hope, that the „Casket" had not been taken.
" "	" 6.	" "	"	Bittern	Hope	St Helena	10.	—	—	—	
" "	" 7.	" "	French	Le Rossignol	Masson	Congo	—	—	—	—	Comdr Masson gives information that the Amer. Brig „Vintage" took a Cargo of upwards of 400 Slaves off from Ambriz on the 4th June last. –
Loango Bay	" 17.	" "	English	Bittern	Hope	Black Point	—	—	—	—	
At Sea	" 21.	Brig		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Saw her bearing W. N. W. Night coming on lost sight of her.
"	" 24.	Sloop of War	French	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A Barquentine rigged Vessel.
off Cape Palmas	Sept. 9.	Brig.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
At " "	" "	"	Hamburg	Laurentia	Ewald	—	—	—	—	—	On a trading voyage.
" Monrovia	" 14.	Brig of war	French	Comete	—	—	—	—	—	—	

To Geo. C. Read Commander in chief of the U. S. Naval
Forces West Coast of Africa. –

U. S. Ship Marion, Mesurado Roads.
September 15. 1846.

L. E. Simonds,
Commander.

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List of Vessels seen
boarded by the "Maria"
15 Ap 1846

Referred to Lords
of Admiralty

1 Read

(Private)

U. States frigate U. States
Porto Praya Octr 2d 1846

The Honorable
George Bancroft

Sir

I was very desirous upon proceeding to the southward, to make a speedy visit to the Cape de Verds, but opposed to my touching at Madeira without incurring much delay, I deemed it expedient to postpone my visit to those latter Islands until a more favorable opportunity should occur. I cannot therefore have the pleasure of announcing to you, that the wine which you ordered, has been procured. But I hope that all may go well at home, and that you may find it desirable to send me to the Mediterranean, in which event, it will be quite convenient to call at the Canaries and Madeira.

I am aware that my instructions give me the privilege of going to the above mentioned Islands, for they are embraced within the limits of my station. But since my arrival here I have heard so much said of our cruizers being seldom seen on the Coast, & of the Sloop Jamestown having been kept among the Cape de Verds for the last seven months of her absence from the U. States

[illegible] I am anxious to avoid any imputation
of the blame being cast upon my command.
You will perceive by the Officials sta
of my late Cruise that I have not been id
~~[illegible]~~ I have tried, by every means in my
power to rouse the energies of those on the
station, but the difficulty of detecting
those engaged in the Slave Trade, and the
apprehension of being made liable for d
-ages in case of seizures, cools the ardor o
our officers, and makes them become ind
-ent.

In conclusion, it may not be out of
place to remark that unless the number
vessels can be increased, two Sloops, or f
Brigs of a respectable class and fleet w
would be preferable to the "frigate". The
latter draws too much water to approach
near the shores of this Continent in cha
of small Vessels, and is obliged to anc
at inconvenient distances from the lan
I must add that the two Brigs now on
this station are not fit for Cruizing, bein
neither fast ~~and capable~~ sufficiently to come up with Slavers when
chase, nor of sufficient capacity to car
provisions for the length of time requir
And I am informed that the great
speed of the Marion is not now equa

to that of common Merchant Vessels.

I have the honor to be with great respect
your Obt. Servant
Geo. B. Read

Referred to Mr Mason,
as its hints seem to be of
a public nature.
G. Bancroft

N. D.

let the drafts be
attended to —

R. 501 Feb 25

[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] to the ship to the ship [illegible]

[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] prepare [illegible] [illegible] for each [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] him and [illegible] [illegible] commanding officer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mentioned.

As [illegible] a large portion of the [illegible] the Southampton [illegible] came out in the [illegible] and [illegible] the length of time it [illegible] [illegible] months, there [illegible] [illegible] must be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] completed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commenced [illegible] [illegible] the Region of [illegible] through the [illegible] Region, [illegible] [illegible] condition that the men employed [illegible] [illegible] their health.

[illegible] permit me to [illegible] further [illegible]

[illegible]

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and in order to ascertain whether there was [illegible] [illegible] the Southampton [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] manifest.

[illegible] [illegible] hundred of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] months [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Southampton [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the United States [illegible] to the Bureau of [illegible], and [illegible] that we [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]

The Southampton [illegible] and permanent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] other purpose.

[illegible] recommended [illegible] practical remedy hereafter, for the great loss of stores which have heretofore, as I understand, been condemned from time to time on this station, I would recommend that not more than four months stores should be sent out in advance. The [illegible] store ship

[illegible] effort might be employed to [illegible]
[illegible] the Squadron and [illegible]
[illegible] Commander of the Squadron [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] States [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] the U. States
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] investigating the chief on the [illegible]
[illegible] of not [illegible]
[illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible] months [illegible]
[illegible] would be [illegible]

[illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] following documents, viz
[illegible] Com. [illegible]
[illegible] addressed to him [illegible] of the
[illegible] of the Brig [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible] commencement of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] dated [illegible]
[illegible] Punishments inflicted
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] should be [illegible]

[illegible] Department will [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible] John A. [illegible]
[illegible] the "Vandalia" on her [illegible]
[illegible] for the
of three hund

three hundred dollars in payment of a [illegible]
[illegible] him from the "Southampton".

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
J. A. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Refer to Bureau of Prov
& clothing for perusal
Adm J. Y. M

Ackd Feb 6, 1847.

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[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] Monrovia [illegible]
[illegible] indicated [illegible]
[illegible] for that [illegible]
[illegible] during the [illegible]
[illegible] in which the [illegible]
[illegible] compelled to [illegible]
[illegible] in addition [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] wishing to [illegible]
[illegible] to the unhealthiness of the [illegible]

[illegible] in the use of [illegible]
[illegible] as fast as I could [illegible]
[illegible] after purchasing [illegible]
[illegible] better that the [illegible]
[illegible] would not [illegible]
Consequently [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for them as [illegible]
pleted the duty on which I was sent [illegible]
from Monrovia [illegible]
[illegible] duty [illegible]

[illegible] to the state of the [illegible] which
[illegible] [illegible] Ships Boats [illegible]
[illegible]

On my arrival at Porto Praya
[illegible] to repair [illegible]
[illegible] twenty [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] in charge of Mr [illegible]
[illegible] of the Squadron [illegible] the
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] month.

[illegible] commencing [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] by "[illegible]" which vessel
[illegible] when we arrived
[illegible] coming soon after
[illegible] Kirkham [illegible]
[illegible] men from the brig, [illegible]
[illegible] thereupon the [illegible]
[illegible] to navigate the vessel,
[illegible] ordered to [illegible]

The store vessel "Lucy" (Capt
[illegible] on the 16th Aug 20 days from [illegible]
[illegible] commenced discharging her
[illegible] provisions [illegible] time to
[illegible] accomplished in four days.
[illegible] of her [illegible] bags for the
[illegible] the opportunity afforded
[illegible] of the store vessel to ship
[illegible] the rigging [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] the hold of the vessel which
[illegible] arrangements with the
[illegible] to permit me to land the [illegible]
[illegible] belonging to the Cargo for the purpose
[illegible] but the arrival of the [illegible]
prevent

[illegible] commencing
[illegible] to discharge [illegible]
[illegible] for them.
[illegible] that
we should want many [illegible]
[illegible] Mr [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] dollars, [illegible]
could be obtained [illegible] On my arrival
at Porto Praya [illegible]
many [illegible] months [illegible] that
none could be procured at [illegible]
[illegible] Mr [illegible] to [illegible] on [illegible]
for $510. which [illegible] of the [illegible] for
your present [illegible].

[illegible] which
[illegible] been [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
Com. [illegible]
Com. [illegible] Naval Forces
On the West Coast of Africa

U S Sloop Ship Southampton
Porto Grande Oct 1st 1846

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter received by me from Captain Tuton, Commanding the Whale Ship "Leonidas", requesting me to furnish him with a Chronometer from this Ship—

He came to this Port expressly, in hopes of procuring one from one of the vessels of this squadron; assuring me that he was in distress for the want of one as his voyage would in all probability for the want of this instrument be profitless to his owners: as he could not keep his vessel on the fishing grounds without a Chronometer, and he offered me a draft on his owners to pay for it—

As this Ship had three Chronometers, I considered it my duty to yield to his urgent entreaty and to furnish him with one, which I accordingly did— He gave me a draft for three Hundred dollars on his owners Messrs Levi Jenney & I Tripp, of Fair Haven Mass which was made payable to the order of the Honble Secty of the Navy, this sum being the invoice value of the Instrument furnished to him—

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Henry W Morris
Lieut Commanding

To
Commodore George C Read
Commanding U S Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

[illegible]
Comg U S Ship Southampton
Pt Grande 1 Octr 1846

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Whale Ship Leonidas
of Fair Haven
Porto Grande Feby 15th 1846

Sir

I beg leave to represent to you that I sailed from Fair Haven Mass. on the 11th of August last on a whaling voyage that my Chronometer has stopped on my passage across the Atlantic & is out of order so that it has become entirely useless to me. As I cannot procure another at any of these Islands & am of the opinion that one is indispensable to the successful prosecution of my voyage, I am compelled by the necessity of the case to request of you to have the goodness to furnish me with one from your ship. If I could not get supplied with one from you I should be under the necessity of proceeding from here to Rio Janeiro for the sole purpose of getting one there; which would take me out of my track very much, as I am bound to Madagascar, & be probably the cause of the failure of my voyage, as I should in the event of being forced to go to Rio Janeiro, arrive too late in the season on my whaling ground to fish to advantage. I will give you a draft on the agents of my ship Messrs Levi Jenney & Joseph Tripp, of Fair Haven for the value of the Chronometer, which will be duly honoured on presentation

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

John N. Fisk
Master of Whaleship
Leonidas

Lieut Commanding
Henry W. Morris Esqr.
U S Store Ship Southampton

of the Whale Ship [illegible]
asking to be furnished with
a Chronometer from the
Southampton

American Brig Volunteer
Monrovia June 10th. 1846

Sir,

I am under the disagreeable necessity of informing you that on the night of 21st May, while laying at anchor in this port, four of my crew deserted from the vessel, taking with them one of my boats, since recovered, four kegs of powder and one barrel of bread, and as I have since been informed made for Cape Mount. I immediately dispatched a letter to Mr Canot who resides there, requesting him to have them apprehended if possible, and returned to me, offering a suitable reward for them, and to pay all proper and reasonable expenses attending their apprehension. Mr Canot wrote to me giving me hopes that he should succeed in securing them, but I regret to say that he has since arrived here without them. As therefore all expectations of receiving them appear to be at an end, and as I have at present only men left before the mast, I must request you Sir to consider my crippled

situation and to have the goodneſs to
supply me with Four Men from the Uni
States veſsels of war now here. They ar
absolutely neceſsary for me to be enable
to prosecute my voyage—

Very Respectfully
your Obdt. Servt.
Saml. Forrest

To Lieut. Comdt.
Henry W. Morris
Comdg U.S. Store Ship Southampton

To Lieut. Comdt.
Henry W. Morris
Comdg U.S. Store Ship Southampton
Monrovia Roads
Coast of Africa

Copy of [illegible]
Monrovia 14 June 1846
Requesting to be furnished with
Four men

(Copy)

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H.B.M. [illegible]
[illegible] 25th June [illegible]

Sir

I have [illegible] to inform you that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

In consequence of the recent [illegible]ment of the British Squadron on the West Coast of Africa [illegible] I beg leave to inform you that nothing will afford me greater pleasure than cooperating with yourself [illegible] the [illegible] under your command in the execution of the service in which we are particularly engaged, the suppression of the Slave Trade, and I shall thankfully receive any suggestions [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the means to [illegible] [illegible] that subject.

I have the honor to be Sir
your most obedient humble servant
Signed / George Mansel
Commander & Senior officer
in Command

To
Comm. Read
Comg U.S. Squadron
On the West Coast of Africa
&c &c &c

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U.S. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 1850

Your letter dated [illegible] has been this moment received and I am [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible] inst.

In the case of the [illegible] delay in [illegible] your letter will [illegible] when I inform you that [illegible] the Command of the U.S. African Squadron [illegible] to the date of your letter [illegible] that on the 1st [illegible] in a [illegible] which was [illegible]

Although not personally acquainted with Com. [illegible] that [illegible] compelled him to quit a station upon which [illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible] to express my [illegible] of that [illegible] the Command of the British Squadron on [illegible] your [illegible] with myself [illegible] under my Command in the operation of the [illegible] in which we are

[illegible]

Capt [illegible]
Ascension. 27. Jan. No. 6.

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the Commander of H.M. [illegible]
[illegible] the West Coast of Africa, [illegible]
[illegible] to cooperate with the Cruizers under your [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] well formed.

I have the honor [illegible]
Very [illegible]
Your [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the West Coast [illegible]

To [illegible]
[illegible] Commander in [illegible]
[illegible] of Her Britannic
[illegible]
[illegible] Coast of Africa

[illegible]
[illegible] Port Praya, [illegible]
[illegible]

Capt [illegible]

Dated [illegible] 3d [illegible] [illegible] 9 Oct 1862.

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[illegible] U. S. Ship "Marion" [illegible]
from Sept. 13 to October 9. 1846 incl.

Where boarded	Mo.	Day	Rig	Nation	Name of Vessel	Name of Master	Whither bound	Whence	Cargo	No. of Souls	Remarks
[illegible]	1846. [illegible]	[illegible]	Schooner	H.B.M.	Nimrod	Dalres					
"	"	"	Brig	"	Cygnet	Lt. Layton	—	—	—	—	
"	"	"	"	"	Alert	Rosenguly	—	—	—	—	
"	"	"	Steamer	"	Comet	—		—	—	—	open [illegible]
Gallinas	"	23	"	H.B.M.	Cameleon	Somerville	—	—		—	
do	"	24	Barque	American	Colon [illegible]	Bissel	Commenda	[illegible]		—	
Porto Praya	Oct.	6	Brig	Hamburg	Flora	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	assorted	—	
Off St. Nicholas	"	8	Barque [illegible] tons	American	Ursiga	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—	23	[illegible] voyage [illegible]

To
Commo. George C. Read
Comdg. U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

U. S. Ship Marion
Porto Grande, October 9. 1846
L. E. Simonds Commander

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U. S. Frigate United States
Port Praya
[illegible] 1846

Sir

Accompanying this I have the honor to enclose you a letter received this morning, from Pass. Assistant Surgeon [illegible] of the U. S. Store Ship Southampton.

The subject of this letter involves a matter of grave consideration, & seems to demand such investigation and inquiry as you may direct.

I am Sir &c.

Signed [illegible]
Fleet Surgeon

To
Com. Geo. C. Read
Comdg. U. S. Squadron
African Station

over /

(Copy)

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U. S. Store Ship "Southampton"
Porto Praya, Cape Verde, Islands
[illegible]

Sir,

It becomes my duty to report to you, as a matter closely concerning the health of those engaged in the present operations on board this ship, that the condition of the hold is such as to excite serious apprehensions of disease. A great quantity of animal & vegetable matter, which it has been unavoidably necessary during the recent & unusual stowage of cargo, now lies in a state of decomposition about the bottom, and the timbers, exposed to the action of bilge water & the confined heat of the hold, are, as I have reason to believe, in a very doubtful condition.

It is well known that the cleansing of a foul hold in a tropical climate has frequently been attended with fatal consequences; and the possibility of such an accident in the present case renders me anxious for a division of that responsibility, which would otherwise rest upon myself alone.

Under these circumstances, I beg leave to refer the subject to your consideration, & to request that such action may be had upon it, as may, in your judgment, best conduce to the preservation of the general health.

I am, Sir, with great
respect Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Francis [illegible]
Ast. Surgeon

To
[illegible] Hilland M.D. U.S. Navy
Fleet Surgeon, West African Squadron

(Copy)

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[illegible]
[illegible] Porto Grande
[illegible] 1846

Sir

[illegible] of the [illegible] that we have [illegible] in [illegible] of the hold of the U.S. Store Ship "Southampton" and the [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible].

The hold of [illegible] of such [illegible] and it must [illegible] present shipment & [illegible] of [illegible] from the "Southampton" that much filth would accumulate in the hold during this time, especially so, from the occasional landing of barrels of Beef, Pork, [illegible] Molasses, Vinegar, & [illegible] of other articles. [illegible] that these various animal & vegetable substances, commingled with the bilge water, have been accumulating for fifteen months and the consequence is, an offensive [illegible] condition of the hold.

On examining the ground tier of Beef & Pork, [illegible] the ground tier [illegible] the bilge water always washing in the hold of the ship, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
upon the State of the hold of
U.S.S. "Southampton"
Porto Grande - 16 Oct 1846

[illegible] accumulated

[illegible] permanent [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Engineer

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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To
Hon. Geo. Bancroft
Sec. of the Navy

U.S. Frigate "United States"
Porto Praya
23 Oct 1846

Sir,

In consequence of unfavorable reports of Midshipman Ferguson made to me by Commander Turner, I have detached him from the "Southampton".

Capt. Turner represents Mr. Ferguson as a person of bad habits, and as being insubordinate. I ascertained that the accused has acknowledged some the habitual impropriety of his conduct & stated that it was his intention to quit the service.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your ob. Servt.
Geo. C. Read
Com. of U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

U.S. Store Ship "Southampton"
Porto Praya 17 Oct 1846

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To
Hon. Geo. Bancroft
Sec. of the Navy

U.S. Frigate United States
Porto Praya
30 Aug 1846

Sir,

In consequence of unfavorable reports of Midshipman Ferguson, I ordered the Commander Emmons, to send him from the "Decatur" to the "Southampton".

Capt. Emmons represents Mr. Ferguson as a person of bad habits, and as having acted contumaciously. I am glad that the accused has acknowledged from me the impropriety of his conduct & stated that it was his intention to quit the service.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your ob. servt
Geo. C. Read
Com. of U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

U.S. Store ship "Southampton"
Porto Grande 17 Oct 1846

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To
The Hon.
The [illegible]
[illegible] the Navy

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sir,

I have the honor [illegible] the Revd Mr. De Bonnge [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] October.

[illegible] he was [illegible] at Boston; but he [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] during the continuance of the voyage [illegible] he presented me [illegible] who might have been [illegible] during the absence of the [illegible] constant complaints of ill health, [illegible] the Revd Mr. De Bonnge [illegible] purpose of [illegible] remaining [illegible] a matter of indifference.

The certificate of the Fleet Surgeon respecting Mr. De Bonnge [illegible] accompanies this.

At the request of [illegible] has been discharged, from the ship [illegible] home in the "Southampton".

I am with great respect
Your obt. Servt
Geo. C. Read
Comg. U.S. Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

I should be much pleased
[illegible] another Chaplain sent out
[illegible] the Ship.

Recd Dec 17

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To [illegible]

The Hon.

Geo. Bancroft

Secretary of the Navy

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir,

I have been [illegible] the Rev. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] permit him to return [illegible] to his wishes.

[illegible] he has not been [illegible] He was [illegible] at Boston; but he might not [illegible] in the [illegible] at the time that he [illegible] during the continuance of [illegible] Cruize [illegible] either [illegible] presented me [illegible] who might have been [illegible] during the absence of the ship, [illegible] numerous & constant complaints of ill health, [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] purpose of staying on [illegible] station [illegible] remaining longer here a matter of indifference.

The certificate of the Fleet Surgeon respecting Mr. [illegible] accompanies this.

At the request of [illegible] has been [illegible] home in the "Southampton".

I am with great respect

Your obt. servt

Geo. C. Read

Comg. U.S. Naval Forces

on the West Coast of Africa

[illegible] should be much pleased [illegible] another Chaplain sent out [illegible] the ship.

U. S. Frigate [illegible]
[illegible]

This is to certify [illegible] came
M. [illegible] Chaplain U.S. Navy, [illegible] the more
[illegible] to me soon after sailing from Boston on
account of the condition of his health. I found him
afflicted with chronic dyspepsia and Asthma, and that
he had been a valetudinarian for many years
anterior to his entrance into the Navy.

He was in my opinion at the time
his health came under my charge unfit for
duty — he has been unfit for duty ever since —
is so now — and I recommend that he be per-
mitted to return home.

T. Dillard,
Fleet Surgeon.

Como Read

Note

[illegible] a Chaplain

[illegible]

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U. S. Frigate United States
Porto Praya
[illegible]

Hon. Geo. Bancroft
Secretary of the Navy

Sir

In consequence of repeated applications made by [illegible] Midshipman to be permitted to return to the U. States, I have at length yielded to his wishes.

His [illegible] determination to resign pressed upon me to send his resignation to the Department, which was transmitted with my letter No 2 of the 13th July last.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your ob. serv^t

Geo. C. Read

Com^g U. S. Naval Forces
On the West Coast of Africa

Ackd Feb 6. 1847

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[illegible]

[illegible]

The Fleet Surgeon of the [illegible] having reported Thomas C. [illegible], [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], recommended their transport to the United States, I have consented to [illegible] the Southampton [illegible].

I enclose the report of the Surgeon, and descriptive lists [illegible] will accompany them.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
[illegible]
Geo. C. Read
Comdg U.S. Naval Forces
On the West Coast of Africa

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Mr. Alexander is dismissed
as Storekeeper - Another
will be ordered -

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ack –
Mr. Alexander is dismiss[ed]
as Storekeeper – Another
will be ordered –

Ackd Feb 6. 1847

C.H. Dec 17. Ha

Private

U. States frigate U. States
Mesurada Road
Decr 1st 1846

The Honorable
John Y. Mason

Sir

Lest the circumstance may have escaped the recollection of Mr Bancroft on his leaving the Navy Department, I beg to observe that it was understood, when I was offered my present command, that this ship would be kept but twelve months on the Coast of Africa, and that the residue of her cruize would be passed in the Mediterranean.

If the original intention of sending the frigate to the Mediterranean should be changed, I hope you will consider the term of one year quite sufficient on this Coast & that you will be pleased to relieve me in the command at the expiration of that period.

I have the honor to be
with Great respect
Your Obt Servant
Geo. C. Read

[illegible] anue. 6 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the Star [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Brig Dolphin [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and Dolphin [illegible]

Geo. C. Rea

[illegible]

R.33 April 6. Ham;

(Copy)

U.S. Brig Dolphin
Porto Praya
1 Nov 1841

Sir

In obedience to your instructions I left Porto Praya June 2d and proceeded to the Coast of Africa and [illegible] Cape Mount [illegible] [illegible] I anchored the same evening off Cape Palmas. Being short of water I touched [illegible] Island on the 13th [illegible] the vessel intending to touch at Cape Palmas agreeably to your orders which I was unable to do, for reasons stated in a letter directed to you off Cape Palmas July 22d a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

On the 25 July I anchored at Elmina and examined the American vessels and discovered a Dutch Schooner on the stocks with a light bridge. I left with the Consignee a copy [illegible] sent on board the first American man of war that touches at the Port.

On the 27 July I anchored at Accra I procured fresh provisions for the crew. Thence I proceeded along the Coast and entered the Bight of Benin where I remained until the Aug 3d, when I ran over to Princes Island to fill up my water.

By verbal orders received from you at that place I proceeded to the Gaboon, to await your arrival, which I reached 13 Aug. 14th The Commander of the French fort having offered the civilities of the port, I saluted the French flag, which was returned with an equal number of guns.

(August

[illegible] instructions [illegible]
[illegible] English [illegible] Aug [illegible]
[illegible] exchanged numbers with the
[illegible] Lieutenant [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] communicated with the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the American [illegible]
[illegible] from Bahia [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Bahia. The Commander of the
[illegible]
[illegible] the "Pirates" [illegible]
[illegible] not taken any [illegible]

[illegible] Provided [illegible]
[illegible] anchoring at night, that [illegible]
[illegible] Battery [illegible]
[illegible] anchored at Lagos [illegible]
[illegible] English Steamer [illegible]
[illegible] had not seen any
[illegible]
[illegible] anchored Aug 25 [illegible]
[illegible] and satisfied myself
[illegible]
[illegible] Returning [illegible]
[illegible] boarded the American
[illegible] at Lagos from Bahia
[illegible] communicated with the Commander of
[illegible] who had neither seen nor [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] American vessels [illegible]
[illegible] communicated with the Men of War [illegible]

the American flag [illegible]
that any attempts are made [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of Great Britain [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] American vessel
[illegible]
[illegible] instructions [illegible]
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[illegible] and
[illegible]
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[illegible] the evening of [illegible]
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[illegible] from the vessel she [illegible]
[illegible] Cargo [illegible]
[illegible] the Coast [illegible]
[illegible] English [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a vessel.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of the Church but there are [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and
willing.

I have the honor to be most
[illegible]

arrival at this port after an absence of one hun
dred & [illegible] days.

I am Sir, Respy
Your obt. servt
Signed Jno. Pope
Commander

To
Com. Geo. C. Read
Comg. U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Comdr. Jno. Pope
U.S. Brig "Dolphin"
Porto Praya 1 Nov 1846

List of Vessels boarded and Spoken by the U.S. Brig Dolphin John Pope Esq Commander during the months of June July August September and October 1846.

Where boarded or Spoken	Date	Rate	Nation	Name	Master	Where From	Time Out	Where Bound	Cargo	Number of Men	Remarks
At [illegible]	July 5th 1846	Brigantine	American	Vesta	Appletons	[illegible]thas Vinyard	8 Mos.	Cruise	Oil	8	After Whales
[illegible]	25	Brig	"	Hollander	Not Ascertained	[illegible]ccra	2 days	Cape C Castle	None	7	
	28	Brigantine	Dutch	Courier	"	Coast		El Mina		7	In distress
	28	Barque	American	Active	Appleton	[illegible]em	5 Mos.	Accra	Rum &c	8	Trading
[illegible]	30	Brig	"	Progress	Chas Fisk	[illegible]em	61 days	Cape C Castle	Rum &c	8	"
[illegible]	August 3rd	Brig	H B M	Pantaloon	Lieut Comg. [illegible]			Cruise			Man of War
	7	Barque	American	Rhine	Not Ascertained	[illegible] Bedford	4 Mos.	"	Oil		After Whales
[illegible] River	12	Brigantine	English	Bristol	"	[illegible]oon River		Nd Coast	Assorted		Trading
[illegible] River	16	Steamer	H B M	Caimon	"	[illegible]uise		Cruise			Man of War
[illegible]	22	Brig	H B M	Harpuise	"	[illegible]hyda		"			"
	22	Brig	H B M	Pantaloon	Lieut Comg. [illegible]	[illegible]uise		"			"
Whydah	28	Schooner	American	Julia Telfair	Owen Burn[illegible]	[illegible]hia	47 days	Trading	Tobacco Rum &c	7	Trading
	23	Brig	H B M	Alpardon	S. de [illegible]	[illegible]uise		Cruise			Man of War
[illegible]	24	Steamer	H B M	Hydra	Capt. Young	"		"			"
	24	Steamer	H B M	Styx	Capt. [illegible]	"		Fernando Po			"
	31	Brig	French	Eclipse	Bells	[illegible]hia	16 days	Trading	Assorted	7	Trading
	31	Brig	French	Les Amis	Fibre	"	30 "	"	"	10	"
	31	Brig	American	Chipola	Mc Lenon	[illegible] Janeiro	30 "	"	"	11	Freight
	31	Brig	Sardinian	Emperor	Gus. Tallette	[illegible]juda	16 "	"	"		Trading
	September 8	Brig	H B M	Flying Fish	Wolburton	[illegible]	35 "	Cruises			Man of War
[illegible]onrovia	October 4	Brig	French	Alphonsine	Fabre	[illegible]rseilles	3 Mos	Trading	Assorted	12	Trading
	4	Brig	Bremen	Gazelle	Martin Bur[illegible]		3 "	"	"	12	"
	6	Schooner	H B M	L'Hirondelle	Not ascertained	[illegible]ise		Cape Mount			Man of War
	6	Barque	American	Montgomery	E.B. Hooper	[illegible] York	44 days	Sd Coast	Assorted	11 Colored	Trading
	7	Brig	H B M	Bougainville	Not ascertained	[illegible] Mount		Cape Mount			Man of War
	13	Brig	Belgian	Jean de Loquenghien	Van Deepen	[illegible]twerpt.	80 days	Trading	Assorted		Reports Mexican War over.
Ex chan[illegible] Lat. 1° 07' 48" + Long. 8° 3' 15" E	Aug. 8	Brig	United States	Boxer	Lieut Comg. Bisp[illegible]	[illegible]ces Island		Cruise			Man of War
At Sea	October 31st	Brig	English	Hazard	Capt. Pallot	[illegible]pool	26 days	Pernambuco	Assorted	10 men	Reports the Great Brittain Steamer on Shore at Dundrum Bay coast of Ireland

Very Respectfully [illegible] Comm

U. S. Brig Dolphin
Porto Praya November 1st 1846

Sir

In obedience to Orders I very respectfully transmit the following Report, inclusive of the Six Months of May, June, July, August, September and October.

The U. S. Brig Dolphin left Porto Praya on a Cruise to the Canary Islands, May 4th 1846. During the passage had fresh N.E. Trades and Swells from the Same Quarter. Arrived at "Santa Cruz" (Island of Teneriffe) May 28th. The Anchorage here is in deep Water and hard rocky bottom. It is not Considered well to Anchor in more than 30 fathoms Water, a half Mile from Shore, as the bottom becomes very Shelving and Vessels are liable to drag.

At "Palmas" Grand Canary, the Anchorage is good in from 10 to 18 fathms Water, about one Mile distant from the Shore. At these two places Wood, Water and Provisions of the best qualities Can be obtained at a Small Cost. Water is generally furnished by Lighters from Shore.

It is recommended on a passage from the Cape De Verds, to the Canaries, to keep to the North until arriving in the Latitude of 28° or 30° when being put on the other tack a Vessel will be able to head for the Islands. Between the Islands of Palma & Grand Canary found light and variable Winds, Generally from the N & Ed and a Southerly Current. On return passage had same Winds and Swells.

Dolphin

Report of Vessels
boarded from
July 1st to Nov 1st 1846.

[illegible] 1th left Porto Praya for Cape Mesurado. First three days we had N.E. Trade winds, but upon the fourth day moderate breezes Sprung up from the S.d & W.d with Cloudy weather and frequent rain Squalls. Arrived at Cape Mesurado on the 8th Inst during the first part of the rainy Season. Swells from the S.d & W.d

May 13th left Cape Mesurado on a Cruise along the Coast to the S.d & E.d Winds fresh from the S.d & W. with heavy rain Squalls, which latter Continued till about the 24th, but the wind Continuing fro the same direction within One or two points, becam moderate during the rest of the Cruise. On leav Cape Mesurado found the Current setting to the N.W.d from a half to One knot an hour, but as we made Easting it Changed more to the Eastwar increasing its velocity till at "Cape Palmas" and three or four degrees to the East.d it acquired a rate of two or three miles per hour, and its Cours became due East. Anchorage along the Coas is very good in 10 or 15 fathms Water, bottom Bl mud.

The Anchorage at "El Mina" is good, three mi distant from the Castle, in 10 fathms Water, Mu bottom. Landing with boats not very good. Anchorage at "Accra" is good in 6 fathms Water, bottom blue mud, from two to two & a half mi from the Town. Wood, Water & Provisions Ca be obtained here in Small Quantities with Considerable Cast and trouble. Landing in Ships Boats is impracticable, but Can be accomplished in Native Canoes, which are always ready for Service. While laying at "Accra" had a heavy Swell from the S.d & W.d So

[illegible]nary, that when [illegible] under weigh [illegible] Deck Tackles, Stoppers and cast an Anchor Stock.

The anchorage at the two "Popos" and at "Lagos" is good in 10 & 12 fathms Water. Three and Four miles distant from shore. Neither Wood, Water, nor Provisions can be obtained at these places, and landing with Boats impracticable. While cruising in "the Bight of Benin" the wind was from the S.d & W.d with Swells from the same quarter. We found a Current from One to three knots an hour, setting East & E.S.E.

Making a paſsage from Cape "St. Paul" to Princes Island it is advisable to Steer well to Windward of the Island, as there is a Current of about 18 miles in 24 hours setting N. E.

In "West Bay" (Princes Island) Anchorage is very Good, Water Smooth and Safe in 16 fathoms One Quarter of a Mile from the Shore. Wood and Water of the best Qualities Can be obtained here And Provisions of an inferior quality, with difficulty may be had, but at a high Cast.

Between Princes Island and the Gaboon River found a Northerly Current, which became Stronger as we approached the Rivers mouth. The Brig Dolphin made four paſsages in and out of the River, entering its mouth about a mile to the South.d of the Bar, and finding at no time less than three and a half fathoms water. Off King Glaſs's Town the Anchorage is good in from Four to Five fathoms water, Muddy bottom from a half a Mile to a Mile from the Shore. Wood, Water, & Provisions Can be obtained here. Beef of a very Good Quality at 12 Cts per lb. Water not very good. The Gaboon has a Flood & Ebb tide, rise and fall of Water from Five to Six feet and Floods and Ebbs every Six hours. A veſsel dra-ing not over Seventeen feet of water may go up the River without danger; but a veſsel drawing mor would be obliged to employ a Pilot.

Left Princes Island September 12th. [illegible] Stood to the S.d & E.d with moderate S.W. winds, Croſsing the Equator in 7° East Longitu and Continued to the S.d until we reached the Latitude of 0° 50' 00" South, when we found we were free from the N E Currents, and Wind hauled to the S.d enabling us to make a due West Cour During the rest of the paſsage moderate Southe breezes, until we reached the Longitude of 10° 30' 00" W when the Winds became Changeable and hau to the West.d with frequent and heavy rain Squalls, and on Standing in for th Land fou a Strong Current Setting to the N.d & E.d Arrive at Cape Mesurado on the 5th of October.

In making a paſsage from Princes Island to Cap Mesurado, it is recommended to go to the South of the Equator, in about One degree South Latitud as the N.E. Currents are then avoided, and in fa of the paſsage a little Current Westerly. And making Southing from Princes Island it wa observed that we gained more by keeping th veſsel on the Starboard tack at night and Larboard during the day.

Left Cape Mesurado on the 14th of October on a paſsage to Porto Praya, with moderate Westerly m and rain, Swells from the S.d & W.d and N.d & E Currents. When arriving off St. An Shoals fou light and variable breezes with rain, and a Current of 30 Miles Northerly in 24 hours.

On running from the Coast and making Westing we found light variable breezes and pleasant weather, with a slight westerly Current. On the 28th of October in Latitude 11° 43' 00" N & Long. 18° 41' W. took the N.E. Trade winds, very light and on the 30th Got them fresh, with Considerable Swell from the same quarter.

During the Cruise along the Coast of Africa it was observed that the flight of Clouds was Generally to the N.d & E.d We learned of no place to the South.d of Cape Mesurado, where the Seine Could be drawn with ſucceſs, except the River Gaboon, which is said to furnish an abundance and great variety of fine fish. We found the Latitudes & Longitudes of the places in the Bight of Benin, as laid down on the Charts, to be very incorrect, but we obtained those given by the late English Survey (Capt. Denham) which I place in the following table, and which proved to be very Correct.

Places in the Bight of Benin

ame	Latitude	Longitude	Late Name	Latitude	Longitude
tta	0° 05' 55" N	0° 59' 50" E	Benin N. Pt.	5° 46' 00" N	5° 03' 00" E
tle Popae	6° 93' 36" "	1° 36' 16" "	R. Escados S. Pt.	5° 31' 45" "	5° 11' 00" "
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Mean of Air, Water and Barometer

Month	Air	Water	Barom.
May	76°	85°	29-97
June	76°	74°	29 87
July	74°	78°	29 91
August	74°	74°	29 87
September	71°	72°	29 83
October	75°	76°	29 [illegible]

Your most
Obt Servt
A. Read
Actg Master
U.S. Brig Dolphin

To
Commodore Geo. C. Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Latitudes, Longitudes, Declination and Moon's Age

ate		Latitude	Longitude	Declination	Moon's Age
ay	1st	At Porto Praya			
"	2	"			
"	3	"			
"	4	"			
	5	15° 13' 00" N	22° 57' 45" W	16° 13' [illegible]	9d. 8
	6	15° 33' 00" "	23° 02' 00" "	16° 30' 19" "	10d 8
	7	16° 55' 09" "	25° 22' 15" "	16° 47' 03" "	11d 8
	8	18° 51' 38" "	26° 38' 13" "	17° 03' 31" "	12d. 8
	9	21° 26' 33" "	27° 07' 45" "	17° 19' 41" "	13d. 8
	10	23° 26' 44" "	27° 52' 45" "	17° 35' 34" "	14d. 8
	11	24° 37' 44" "	28° 04' 00" "	17° 51' 09" "	15d. 8
	12	26° 43' 38" "	29° 02' 15" "	18° 06' 26" "	16d. 8
	13	28° 26' 36" "	28° 54' 15" "	18° 21' 26" "	17d. 8
	14	28° 33' 00" "	28° 04' 30" "	18° 36' 07" "	18d. 8
	15	27° 58' 32" "	26° 23' 00" "	18° 50' 29" "	19d. 8
	16	28° 36' 37" "	26° 06' 45" "	19° 04' 32" "	20d. 8
	17	28° 27' 00" "	24° 57' 15"	19° 18' 16" "	21d. 8
	18	28° 28' 39" "	23° 15' 13" "	19° 31' 40" "	22d. 8
	19	28° 10' 00" "	21° 14' 30" "	19° 44' 45"	23d. 8
	20	27° 46' 12" "	18° 48' 15" "	19° 57' 29" "	24d. 8
	21	28° 21' 35" "	19° 35' 00" "	20° 09' 53"	25d. 8
	22	28° 55' 00" "	18° 25' 00" "	20° 21' 56" "	26d. 8
	23	28° 57' 00" "	18° 24' 15" "	20° 33' 39" "	27d. 8
	24	29° 09' 33" "	17° 44' 33" "	20° 45' 00" "	28d. 8
	25	28° 46' 27" "	16° 20' 45" "	20° 56' 01" "	00d. 8
	26	At Palmas Grand Canary			
	27	" Santa Cruz Teneriffe			
	28	"	"	"	
	29	"	"	"	
	30	"	"	"	
		"	"	"	

Latitudes, Longitude, Declination & Moons Age.

Date		Latitude	Longitude	Declination	Moons Age
Jan.	1st	Santa	Cruz	Teneriffe	7 d 3'
"	2	"	"	22° 10' 47" N	8 " 3
"	3	"	"	22° 18' 25"	9 " 3
"	4	"	"	22° 25' 40"	10 " 3
"	5	"	"	22° 32' 31"	11 " 3
"	6	"	"	22° 38' 59"	12 " 3
"	7	"	"	22° 45' 03"	13 " 3
"	8	"	"	22° 50' 43"	14 " 3
"	9	"	"	22° 56' 00"	15 " 3
"	10	"	"	23° 00' 51"	16 " 3
"	11	Palmas	Canary	23° 05' 19"	17 " 3
"	12	"	"	23° 09' 22"	18 " 3
"	13	"	"	23° 13' 01"	19 " 3
"	14	"	"	23° 16' 15"	20 " 3
"	15	"	"	23° 19' 05"	21 " 3
"	16	"	"	23° 21' 30"	22 " 3
"	17	"	"	23° 23' 30"	23 " 3
"	18	25° 59' 09" N	17° 00' 30" W	23° 25' 06"	24 " 3
"	19	24° 26' 18"	18° 54' 45"	23° 26' 16"	25 " 3
"	20	23° 06' 04"	20° 49' 30"	23° 27' 02"	26 " 3
"	21	20° 56' 27"	22° 51' 45"	23° 27' 23"	27 " 3
"	22			23° 27' 20"	28 " 3
"	23	At Porto	Praya	23° 26' 51"	29 " 3
"	24		"	23° 25' 58"	00 " 8
"	25		"	23° 24' 40"	1 " 8
"	26	"	"	23° 22' 57"	2 " 8
"	27	"	"	23° 20' 49"	3 " 8
"	28	"	"	23° 18' 17"	4 " 8
"	29	"	"	23° 15' 26"	5 " 8
"	30	"	"	23° 11' 59"	6 " 8

[illegible]tude, Longitude (Declination [illegible]

Date		Latitude	Longitude	Declination	[illegible]
"	1	12° 34' 29" N	21d 1' 15"	23° 08' 14"	7 d 8
"	2	11° 27' 18"	19° 37' 15"	23° 04' 05"	8 " 8
"	3	10° 30' 50"	18° 36' 30"	22° 59' 31"	9 " 8
"	4	8° 48' 48"	16° 59' 30"	22° 54' 53"	10 " 8
"	5	7° 51' 28"	16° 01' 30"	22° 49' 12"	11 " 8
	6	7° 19' 00"	14° 14' 45"	22° 43' 20"	12 " 8
	7	6° 39' 00"	11° 52' 15"	22° 37' 17"	13 " 8
"	8	At Cape Mesurado		22° 30' 44"	14 " 8
"	9	"	"	22° 23' 48"	15 " 8
"	10	"	"	22° 16' 29"	16 " 8
"	11	"	"	22° 08' 46"	17 " 8
"	12	"	"	22° 00' 41"	18 " 8
	13	"	"	21° 52' 13"	19 " 8
	14	"	"	21° 43' 23"	20 " 8
	15	5° 44' 29"	10° 44' 00"	21° 34' 10"	21 " 8
	16	5° 35' 34"	10° 20' 30"	21° 24' 35"	22 " 8
	17	5° 06' 54"	10° 14' 30"	21° 14' 38"	23 " 8
	18	4° 47' 14"	9° 27' 30"	21° 04' 20"	24 " 8
	19	4° 32' 59"	8° 45' 00"	20° 53' 39"	25 " 8
	20	4° 15' 00"	7° 25' 00"	20° 42' 39"	26 " 8
	21	4° 25' 00"	6° 45' 00"	20° 31' 16"	27 " 8
	22	4° 37' 00"	6° 22' 00"	20° 19' 34"	28 " 8
	23	4° 57' 45"	4° 24' 15"	20° 07' 30"	0 " 2
	24	4° 40' 00"	2° 06' 15"	19° 35' 07"	1 " 2
	25	At El Mina		19° 42' 24"	2 " 2
	26	"	"	19° 29' 21"	3 " 2
	27	At Accra		19° 15' 58"	4 " 2
	28	5° 39' 00"	0° 34' 30" E	19° 02' 17"	5 " 2
	29	6° 67' 17"	1° 42' 00"	18° 48' 17"	6 " 2
	30	5° 22' 00"	2° 31' 60"	18° 33' 58"	7 " 2
		5° 02' 21"	1° 45' 00"	18° 19' 21"	8 " 2

Latitude, Longitude, Declination, & Moon's Age

Date	Latitude	Longitude	Declination	Moon's Age		
August 1	4° 36' 26" N	2° 29' 45" E	18° 04' 25" N	9	d	2
2	3° 28' 00"	4° 10' 45" "	17° 49' 13"	10	"	2
3	2° 34' 00"	5° 50' 15" "	17° 33' 44"	11	"	2
4			17° 17' 56"	12	"	2
5	At Princes Island		17° 01' 53"	13	"	2
6	"	"	16° 45' 32"	14	"	2
7	"	"	16° 38' 55"	15	"	2
8	"	"	16° 12' 03"	16	"	2
9	"	"	15° 54' 54"	17	"	2
10	"	"	15° 37' 31"	18	"	2
11	0° 31' 00" N	9° 12° 00" E	15° 19' 52"	19	"	2
12	Gaboon River		15° 01' 58"	20	"	2
13	"	"	14° 43° 50"	21	"	2
14	"	"	14° 25° 28°	22	"	2
15	"	"	14° 06' 52"	23	"	2
16	"	"	13° 48' 02"	24	"	2
17	"	"	13° 28' 59"	25	"	2
18	1° 07' 43" N	8° 39' 15" E	13° 09' 43"	26	"	2
19	1° 54' 14"	7° 22' 45" "	12° 50' 14"	27	"	2
20	2° 50' 34"	5° 27' 45"	12° 30' 33"	28	"	2
21	4° 06' 41"	3° 04' 00"	12° 10' 41"	29	"	2
22	Cruising in the		11° 50' 36"	0	"	5
23	Bight of Benin		11° 30' 21"	1	"	5
24			11° 09' 54"	2	"	5
25	6° 14' 00"		10° 49' 17"	3	"	5
26	6° 08' 30"	4° 26' 45"	10° 28' 30"	4	"	5
27	6° 14' 00"	3° 35' 00"	10° 07' 33"	5	"	5
28	Cruising in the		9° 46' 26"	6	"	5
29	Bight of Benin		9° 25' 10"	7	"	5
30		"	9° 03' 45"	8	"	5
31		"	8° 42' 12"	9	"	5

Latitude, Longitude, Declination & Moon's Age

Date	Latitude	Longitude	Declination	Moon's Age
Sept. 1	Cruising in the Bight of Benin		8° 20' 30" N	10 d 5
„ 2			7° 58' 40"	11 „ 5
„ 3	5° 24' 42 N	3° 32' 00" E	7° 36' 42"	12 „ 5
„ 4	4° 28' 00"	3° 19' 30"	7° 14' 37"	13 „ 5
„ 5	4° 05' 00"	4° 08' 15"	6° 52' 25"	14 „ 5
„ 6	3° 16' 00"	4° 28' 30"	6° 30' 07"	15 „ 5
„ 7	1° 38' 00"	5° 03' 30"	6° 07' 41"	16 „ 5
„ 8	At Anchor Princes Island		5° 45' 10"	17 „ 5
„ 9			5° 22' 33"	18 „ 5
„ 10	„	„	4° 59' 50"	19 „ 5
„ 11	„	„	4° 37' 02"	20 „ 5
„ 12	„	„	4° 14' 09"	21 „ 5
„ 13	0° 57' 00" N	7° 41' 00" E	3° 51' 11"	22 „ 5
„ 14	0° 27' 27" „	8° 25' 30" „	3° 28' 10"	23 „ 5
„ 15	0° 36' 00" „	7° 26' 00"	3° 05' 04"	24 „ 5
„ 16	0° 02' 00" „	8° 01' 00"	2° 41' 55"	25 „ 5
„ 17	0° 28' 00" „	6° 37' 00"	2° 18' 43"	26 „ 5
„ 18	0° 18' 00" S	7° 04' 45"	1° 55' 27"	27 „ 5
„ 19	0° 39' 00" „	6° 42' 30"	1° 32' 10"	28 „ 5
„ 20	0° 39' 10"	5° 26' 30"	1° 08' 50"	29 „ 5
„ 21	0° 39' 00"	3° 41' 00"	0° 45' 28"	0 „ 9
„ 22	0° 42' 00"	2° 19' 00"	0° 22' 05" „	1 „ 9
„ 23	0° 56' 00"	0° 22' 00"	0° 01' 19" S	2 „ 9
„ 24	0° 52' 00"	1° 32' 45" W	0° 24' 44"	3 „ 9
„ 25	0° 54' 00"	3° 26' 30"	0° 48' 09"	4 „ 9
„ 26	0° 28' 00"	5° 19' 00"	1° 11' 44"	5 „ 9
„ 27	0° 11' 00" N	6° 56' 45"	1° 34' 59"	6 „ 9
„ 28	1° 04' 23" „	8° 54' 00"	1° 58' 23"	7 „ 9
„ 29	2° 23' 14"	9° 47' 00"	2° 21' 46"	8 „ 9
„ 30	4° 19' 00"	10° 33' 15"	2° 45' 09"	9 „
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Latitude- Longitude, Declination & Moon's Age

Date	Latitude	Longitude	Declination	Moon's Age
ct. 1			3° 08' 28" S	10 d 9
2			3° 31' 46"	11 „ 9
3			3° 55' 01"	12 „ 9
4			4° 18' 14"	13 „ 9
5	At Cape Mesurado		4° 41' 24"	14 „ 9
6	„	„	5° 04' 30"	15 „ 9
7	„	„	5° 27' 32"	16 „ 9
8	„	„	5° 50' 31"	17 „ 9
9	„	„	6° 13' 25"	18 „ 9
10	„	„	6° 36' 14"	19 „ 9
11	„	„	6° 58' 58"	20 „ 9
12	„	„	7° 21' 36"	21 „ 9
13	„	„	7° 44' 08"	22 „ 9
14	„	„	8° 06' 34"	23 „ 9
15	6° 14' 00" N	11° 31' 00" W	8° 28' 53"	24 „ 9
16	6° 38' 00"	12° 06' 15"	8° 51' 06"	25 „ 9
17	7° 16' 00"	12° 57' 15"	9° 13' 10"	26 „ 9
18	7° 13' 00"	13° 50' 00"	9° 35' 07"	27 „ 9
19	7° 31' 00"	15° 57' 15"	9° 56' 55"	28 „ 9
20	8° 27' 00"	15° 44' 00"	10° 18' 35"	0 „ 2
21	8° 11' 00"	16° 11' 15"	10° 40' 06"	1 „ 2
22	8° 45' 00"	16° 25' 45"	11° 01' 27"	2 „ 2
23	9° 12' 30"	17° 02' 15"	11° 22' 38"	3 „ 2
24	9° 31' 29"	17° 30' 00"	11° 43' 39"	4 „ 2
25	9° 51' 00"	17° 34' 15"	12° 04' 29"	5 „ 2
26	9° 55' 00"	17° 39' 15"	12° 25' 07"	6 „ 2
27	10° 42' 35"	18° 23' 00"	12° 45' 35"	7 „ 2
28	11° 43' 00"	18° 41' 45"	13° 05' 50"	8 „ 2
29	12° 36' 00"	19° 43' 45"	13° 25' 53"	9 „ 2
30	13° 06' 00"	20° 27' 15"	13° 45' 43"	10 „ 2
31			14° 05' 20"	11 „ 2

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To the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]son [illegible]

Secretary of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] on the 3rd [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of my duty to [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] with reference of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Commander [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] themselves, and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but does not [illegible] in the correspondence.

In the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] of independence [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] that it might soon be [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] intimated that the Government would it not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] such an event occurred, [illegible] the [illegible] of Texas would be disposed to make a Treaty giving to England all the commercial advantages she would to the most favored nation. [illegible] [illegible] remarked the Government was particularly anxious that Texas should be con[illegible]

independent

not doubted but the Government of the U. States should be disposed to assume the sovereignty [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the risk of the [illegible] [illegible] that the Colonization Society could transfer the territory of Liberia to the Government of the U. States, in preference to any other Power in which case the Government of Great Britain could not expect to obtain so[illegible] [illegible]. Commander Murray also stated that both the British and French Governments had become anxious to [illegible] so large an extension of coast line on the Coast of Africa and [illegible] on their intention to purchase [illegible] the whole extent of Coast, as the means of putting a stop to the slave trade [illegible] the means to withdraw the great [illegible] their force.

I have thus attempted to state the information which has been communicated to me. It may not be strictly correct, but its certainty is substantially [illegible]

Under the pretence of suppressing the slave trade, I have not a doubt that it is the intention of both England and France to make as many settlements on the Coast as they can, for the purpose of monopolizing the trade of the Continent.

Various rumors in regard to slave trade are in circulation. Sometimes [illegible] that the trade is entirely suppressed, at other times it is said to be prosecuted with more vigor than ever. You will be better [illegible] than me to judge of the importance to be attached to either of them.

(A n

A new Commodore (Sir Charles Hotham) has just arrived on this station to command Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces.

I have thought proper to [illegible] the enclosed documents.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your ob. servt.
Geo. H. Read
([illegible])
[illegible]

R/10 March 25. Hau

Copy

Letter A.

Her Majesty's Sloop Favorite
Messurada December 8th 1846

Sir

Acting under the orders of Commodore Sir Charles Hotham K. C. B I have come here to invite you to furnish me with information regarding the present state and future prospects of this interesting Colony of Liberia

1 In the first instance I have to request that you will permit me to construct a chart of the line of Coast occupied by the Liberians, in which to mark the territories now in their possession and clearly show the connection or separation which may exist between the several points together with the distance inland the names and positions of the various settlements and such information with regard to the state of the population, cultivation and development of the resources of the different districts as you may be willing to give me

2. Should you consent to the construction of such a Chart I will furnish you with a Copy and will request your signature to the original and I trust you will not think that I ask too much if I demand to see the title deeds by which are held the territories in question

3. I have further to inform you that England recognises your right to these territories if legally purchased from the rightful owners of the Soil; regarding you in the light of a Society or private company of traders or

owners

settlers, but that in no case can she admit the exercise of sovereign rights, in which may be included the payment of customs dues.

4. The facts of your having constructed a light house and of maintaining a light on Cape Messurada, of the Canal now in progress to connect the river with the sea and the intended breakwater to protect &c, I consider as efforts such as to justify your levying the tax of fifteen dollars on each vessel which opens a trade with this Colony but I must clearly reserve the right of at least remonstrance should that tax be increased or remitted in favor of any other nation than Great Britain

5. I need scarcely mention that common international law does not allow the claim to territory which may have been only partially purchased and occupied in detached portions, and as I have reason to believe that on some parts of the coast, within or between your limits British subjects have acquired rights of property, such as the sites of factories, it is obvious that such rights must be respected in the event of your purchasing the lands surrounding the sites, and it becomes my duty to disallow the legality of a purchase should the previous occupant have been a subject of Great Britain and the sale have been made over his head without his concurrence.

6. Any answer which you may favour me with to this communication I shall receive with much pleasure, and shall lose no time in forwarding a copy thereof to my superior officer and with the utmost respect,

I remain
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Geo. Murray { Commander of H.M.S. Favorite

To

Governor Roberts
Monrovia Messurada

Copy

Letter B

Government House
Monrovia Liberia December 10th 1846

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. in which you request permission "to construct a chart of the line of coast occupied by the Liberians in which to mark the territories now in their possession that I would attach my signature to such a chart and allow you to examine the title Deeds by which are held the territories in question". You have also been pleased to say that England recognises our right to these territories if legally purchased from the rightful owners of the soil regarding us, however only in the light of a Society or private company of traders or settlers; but that in no case can she admit the exercise of sovereign rights in which may be included the payment of custom dues".

Further "That common international Law does not allow the claim to territory which may have been only partially purchased and occupied in detached portions; and that in the event of this Government purchasing the lands surrounding sites of factories, in which British subjects have acquired rights of property it will be your duty to disallow the legality of such a purchase if made over the heads or obtained without the concurrence of such British subjects".

In answer to your request to construct a chart &c I have great satisfaction in assuring you, that no objections are, or could be entertained, nor have we any objections of exhibiting the title deeds by which we held the territories claimed by this Government. I must, however, until in-

over

ormed for what purpose my name is required, beg to ecline placing my signature to the chart you propose construct.

The light in which England regards these Colonies in their present connection with the American Colonization ociety has already been the subject of protracted correspondence etween some of Her Majesty's Naval Officers on this station nd the authorities at this place, I therefore beg that you will excuse me from entering again upon the discussion f this, at least to us, vexed question especially as the ubject of our relations with the Colonization Society is now under consideration here and probably in a few months measures recommended by the Society — will be adopted by the people of these Colonies — which will of course change our present relations and place Liberia in a less anomalous position.

I need not remind you Sir of the objects of the people of these Colonies in expatriating themselves, and settling upon this distant coast in their opinion the only asylum for their oppressed race. Here they hoped to found a Republic, a government emphatically their own, where they and their children might enjoy, undisturbed, civil and political rights; and at the same time to introduce among the barbarous tribes of this coast the great blessings of civilization and christianity and expel, at least, from these western shores the abominable traffic in human flesh.

To effect these great objects, it has ever been our cherished purpose to obtain from the natives — always by fair purchase, the entire line of coast from Cape Mount to Cape Palmas inclusive. Happily we have succeeded in securing the largest portion of this territory, and are now in treaty with the natives for most of the remaining unpurchased points, and hope in a few months to be able to extinguish the native title to all the land lying between the two points mentioned above. If in acquiring these points, we should purchase lands surrounding sites of factories owned by British subjects, or other foreigners, legally purchased from the rightful owners of the soil, they will, most assuredly, be respected. I apprehend, however, that we shall not be required to obtain the consent of British subjects before we are permitted to purchase lands which do not belong to them, and over which they have no control.

And Sir, will not the principle of "Common international law" which you have called our attention to, apply as well to such purchases of individuals, — as any which may be made by this Government, or, if you please to a Society or company of traders? — It is hoped, however, that we shall have no difficulty, with any foreign traders, in that respect; and that no foreign power will interpose objections or throw any embarrassments in the way of our obtaining the extent of coast in question. Indeed, to be interrupted in these negotiations, by any foreign power, would be disastrous to our fondest hopes. Already these Colonies have done much for Africa — perhaps more than has been accomplished by any other means, especially in the suppression of the Slave trade.

Slavery cannot exist, within the jurisdiction of Liberia and every purchase of territory by this Government inflicts a mortal wound to the accursed traffic. I hesitate not, to say that, had we the means at command to purchase the territory, on which the foreign slave trade is conducted in less than two years we could effectually abolish it from this part of the African Coast.

I am

Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

(signed) J. J. Roberts

To

Captain Alex. Murray

Her Majesty's Sloop "Favorite"

Messurado Roads

[illegible]

[illegible] from Belize.

[illegible] "Brown" having [illegible]

[illegible] to the "B[illegible]".

[illegible] American [illegible] built [illegible]

There not being [illegible] these [illegible] same.

[illegible] again [illegible] the "Brown" & "B[illegible]" in the evening [illegible]

No 3

No. 41 ?

U.S. Frigate "United [illegible]"
[illegible]
[illegible]

The Hon.
John Y. Mason
Secretary of the Navy

Sir,

In [illegible] last [illegible]
communication [illegible] I stated
at the Islands [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the
contemplation of my stores [illegible]
purpose of returning to the [illegible] for
supplies. Eight [illegible] winds [illegible] to
the North of the [illegible] made [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] was not [illegible]
[illegible] last.

The Frigate sailed [illegible]
for the Coast on the same day that the "South-
ampton" left [illegible] Madeira, and I confi-
dently relied upon her stores before me. But
neither stores nor letters have arrived, and my
apprehensions for the safety of the "Southampton"
would have been of a painful nature, had
I not accidentally discovered in a newspaper
the notice of her arrival in [illegible].

The stores are nearly exhausted
at this depot, & those [illegible] Ber-
muda, many articles of which the ration is
composed are long since consumed and little
or nothing of the kind can be procured here.

I would further remark that
unless it be stipulated that a store ship
coming hither with stores for the Squadron shall

be supplied

Geo. C. Read

No. 101 April 8 [illegible]

[illegible] time [illegible] Octo[illegible] [illegible] time.

I am anxiously [illegible] for [illegible] Surgeon [illegible] in port, but [illegible] until [illegible] from the [illegible]

[illegible] my original intention, I [illegible] to send the [illegible] [illegible] hands [illegible] the [illegible] "Boxer" having been more than twelve months on the Coast [illegible] constantly employed [illegible] I shall give them permission [illegible] for [illegible] to visit the [illegible]

Should the "Southampton" [illegible] for the [illegible] most [illegible] some [illegible] transportation of stores [illegible] or to any other point that [illegible]

The officers of the Squadron have been generally healthy. A few cases of fever have occurred, but with the exception of [illegible] which have been at [illegible] in November last, all have in some degree recovered, though it is doubtful that some will hereafter be fit for duty of any kind.

Doctor Kane has been quite ill of Coast fever, but has in some degree recovered. The fleet Surgeon has recommended his return to the U. States by the first opportunity. I regret to say that there are a number of useless men on board this ship, from the circumstance of carelessness in shipping, & passing them at our Rendezvous. The fleet Surgeon has recommended the return of several men who have not done duty for ~~several~~ many months, and will not be able to serve the Government again should they be kept here.

I am anxiously waiting for the Store Ship.

March 5th the "Dolphin" came in this morning from the Coast; and in the afternoon our hearts were gladdened by the arrival of the Morgan Dix Storeship.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Obt Servant
Geo. C. Read
Comdg [illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] something might [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] rendering [illegible]

[illegible]

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt. servant
Geo. C. Read
Comg. the U. States Naval
Forces, coast of Africa

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Accompanying Comm. Read's
No 5 of 10 March '47

Her Britannic Majesty's Ship
"Devastation". Porto Praya
9 Jany 1847

Sir,

One of my principal objects in visiting these Islands was to do myself the honor of making your acquaintance. - Circumstances have, unfortunately, interfered with this arrangement; I can obtain no clue to your proposed movements, and, on this extended Station, the prospect of falling in with your Broad Pendant is, I fear, but small.

I request you to believe that it is my anxious desire to cultivate a friendly Relation & a good understanding with the Officers & Citizens of the United States; I am enjoined to do so by my Government, and personally feel every wish to meet their views.

But we are both engaged in a Service where the indiscretion or overheated zeal of those serving under our Commands may give rise to irritability and angry feelings; the Complaints themselves are presented in a distorted shape, and not the least difficulty is, to arrive at a Correct Conclusion. On such occasions you will find me ready to offer immediate Reparation where wrong has been received at our hands; and I confidently rely on a corresponding Course of action on your Part; Reference to our Governments will not then be necessary, and

(the)

[illegible] receipt of [illegible] Communication [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Chas. [illegible]
Commodore

Commodore
[illegible] C. Read
U.S. Frigate "U. States"
&c. &c. &c.

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[illegible] the sentiments thus accepted

[illegible]

Com. Sir Chas. Hotham
H.B.M. Ship "Devastation"
Porto Praya 9 Aug 1847
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Geo. Read

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[illegible] on the following [illegible] communication with the [illegible] of our being at [illegible] we attempted [illegible] on the morning of [illegible]

[illegible] and in attendance [illegible] letter to the Governor of [illegible] informs [illegible] on the part of the [illegible]

[illegible] negotiations [illegible] on our passage [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] satisfied that [illegible] in the [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] wood and water [illegible] this place February 18th, [illegible]

I communicated [illegible] the [illegible] February 19th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] twenty [illegible]

On Sunday February 22d [illegible] [illegible] from an [illegible] of the [illegible] have been tolerably healthy considering the climate they have been so long exposed to and the limited accommodations of the vessel. During this cruise [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had the coast fever one has recovered & the other is convalescent.

Before the vessel can be got ready for sea it will be necessary to caulk her outside & remove some rotten plank and [illegible] new fore & main yard will be required as those aloft are rotten & not trustworthy. The vessel has a bad leak forward in consequence of which many of the stores have become much damaged & some of the sails injured by it. I have been obliged therefore to expend a large quantity of canvas to keep them in order as well as other stores in the different departments.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
Signed, Jno Pope
Command

Commodore Geo. C. Read
Commanding U.S.
African Squadron

Com. Jno Pope No. 23
U.S. Brig "Dolphin"
Port Praya - March 1841

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U.S. [illegible]
[illegible] Feby 26

Sir,

[illegible]

[illegible] Ferguson [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Ferguson [illegible], for being intoxicated [illegible] the previous evening, as reported to me by the [illegible] and a verbal statement that he was [illegible] by his misconduct the officers generally, that [illegible] reprimand.

[illegible] stated also that Mr. Ferguson had been arrested once before for the same offence, I was [illegible] to take on a solemn promise of reform.

I have the honor to be

[illegible]

Signed [illegible]
Commander

To Com. [illegible] Read
Com. in Chief
U.S. N. Forces
West Coast of Africa

Vessels Boarded and
Spoken, by the U. S. Brig
"Dolphin"

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List of Vessels boarded or spoken by the U. S. Brig Dolphin John Pope Esqr. Commander from [illegible]ember 1st 1846 to February 13th inclusive 1847

Where boarded or spoken	No.	Date	Rate	Nation	Name	Master	Where from	Time out	Where bound	Cargo	No. of Men	Remarks
Off Porto Praya	1	Nov. 3d 1846	Schooner	American	Sophia	Swan	[illegible]	4 mos	Whaling	Oil	16	
" "	2	" 3d "	Barque	English	Elina	James Lombard	[illegible]don	35 days	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	
" "	3	" 11th "	Ship	American	William Tell	Glover	[illegible]	34 "	[illegible]	Oil		
" Gallinas	4	Dec. 5th "	Brig	H. B. M.	Cygnet	Comr. Montresor	[illegible] Mount	[illegible] hours	Gallinas	Man of War		[illegible] slaver with 500 slaves.
" Cape Mount	5	" 6th "	Schooner	H. C. M.	L'Hirondelle	Bellequite	Cruise	"	Gorée	" " "	"	
" Cape Mesurado	6	" 8th "	Corvette	H. B. M.	Favorite	Murray		"	Cruise	" " "	"	
" " "	7	" 10th "	Brig	H. B. M.	Ferret	Bright	"	"	"	" " "	"	
" " "	8	" 11th "	Schooner	H. C. M.	L'Hirondelle	Bellequite	[illegible] Mount	"	"	" " "	"	
" [illegible]	9	" 25th "	Brig	English	Vocalist	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 mos	[illegible]	Assorted	12	
" [illegible]	10	" 30th "	Barque	"	Venus	G. Murray	[illegible]town Pt.	3 "	Trading	"	13	
" [illegible]	11	" 27th "	Schooner	"	Louisa	Mitchell	[illegible]	3 hours	New Bed[illegible]	[illegible] Oil	14	
"	[illegible]	" [illegible]th "	Brig	"	Mary Ann	Mather	[illegible]pool	3 mos	Liverpool	Assorted	9	
" [illegible]	13	" 28th "	"	H. B. M.	[illegible]	Ellis	[illegible]	3 5/12 Years	Cruise	Man of War	-	
" Grand Bassa	14	" [illegible] "		" " "	Contest	Mc Murdock	[illegible] Mount	-	Tobacconee	" " "	-	
" Cape Mount	15	Jany. 3d 1847	Barque	American	Chancellor	Freeman	[illegible] York	32 days	Trading	Assorted	13	Passed a ship bottom up, to the off Bermuda
" " "	16	" 3d "	Corvette	H. B. M.	Favorite	Murray	[illegible]	"	Cruise	Man of War	-	
" " "	[illegible]	" 3d "	Brig	H. C. M.	Comète	Chaigneau	"	"	"	" "	"	
" " "	18	" 4th "	Brig	English	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32 days	Trading	Assorted	"	
[illegible]	[illegible]	" 6th "	Barque	American	Liberia Packet		[illegible]	32 "	Monrovia	Assorted	"	[illegible] emigrants for Liberia and Cape Palmas
" [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Brig	H. C. M.	Bougainville	Chaigneau	[illegible] Mount	-	Cruise	Man of War	-	
" " "	21	" [illegible] "	"	American	Margret Ann	Jn. [illegible]	[illegible]	36 days	Monrovia	Assorted	[illegible]	[illegible] emigrants for Liberia and Cape Palmas
" Cape Mount	[illegible]	" 9th "	Brig	H. B. M.	Star		[illegible]	.	Cruise	Man of War	.	
" " "	23	" 12th "		U. S.	Boxer	Lieut. Comg. Bispham	[illegible]	16 "	Cabenda	" " "	.	
" " "	24	" 12th "		H. B. M.	Ferret	Bright	[illegible]	-	Cruise	" " "	"	
" " "	25	" 16th "	Steamer	H. B. M.	Prometheus			"	"	" " "	"	
" " "	26	" 2[illegible]th "	Barque	American	[illegible]	Goldsmith	[illegible]	38 dys	Monrovia	Assorted	10	trade from Sierra Leone to trade com-
" " "	27	Feby. 2d "	Steamer	English	Maid of Islay	Townly	[illegible]	2 mos	Trading	"	13	
" Gallinas River	28	" 7th	Brig	H. B. M.	Espoir		[illegible]	—	England	Man of War	–	Brought despatches for the Commodore from Am. Consul at St. Helena
" Cape Mount	29	" 14th "		" " "	Contest	[illegible]	[illegible]	6 days	Cruise	[illegible]		
" " "	30	" 13 "	Schooner	H. C. M.	Hirondelle	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		"	–	Reports the loss of 86 men belonging to the French Admirals vessel off Gorée –

Cumberland
Oct. [illegible]

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U.S. [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] March 184[illegible]

Hon. [illegible]
J. Y. Mason
Secretary of the Navy

Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] made on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] made for their [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] will be no difficulty in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].

The accounts of the men [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible].

James M'[illegible] Esq. has been discharged [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] the 19 [illegible] of the Navy and has been [illegible] [illegible] allowed [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible].

A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this port which [illegible] will be allowed. I am [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be placed at our disposal for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Economy has been studied [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] have had charge of [illegible] and I will [illegible] to see that [illegible] the expense. The present [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it will be found that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the interests of the Government.

[illegible]

I have the honor to be
With great Respect,
Your obdt. Servant,
Geo. C. Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Force
West Coast of Africa

U.S.S. United States
Port Praya March 8th/47

Sir

I respectfully recommend that the following men, being invalids, and unfit for duty be sent home:

Chas Rodgers	Seaman
William Vance	"
James Bratton	"
Lozani Erskine	Corpl Marines
John Williams	Gunner
Jas. R. Saxton	Seaman
Edward Phillips	do
Samuel Johnson	Ord: Seaman

Herewith are sent clothes list, and the disease with which each man is affected.

Very Respectfully &c
J. Dillard,
Fleet Surgeon

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U S S United States
Port Praya March 9th/47.

Sir

I respectfully recommend that Dr. E. K. Kane Ass. Surgeon U. S. Navy be permitted to return home, on account of ill health. The violence of his attacks, and his present prostrate condition renders it necessary that he should leave the Coast.

Very Respectfully &c
T. Dillard,
Fleet Surgeon.

To
Capt. J. Smoot.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

Joseph [illegible]

[illegible] do [illegible]

[illegible] do [illegible]

[illegible]

Mason

[illegible]

Signed [illegible]

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[illegible]

Recd Mar. 10

Ret.

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G. O. Read

[illegible] alleged [illegible] them forwarded.

G. O. R

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U. States Consulate
Island of St. Helena
[illegible] Sept [illegible]

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To Commodore [illegible]
Commanding the U. States Squadron
on the West Coast of Africa

Sir

In view of the [illegible] [illegible] existing between the Governments of the U. States and Mexico and learning from the English [illegible] that the latter is making prizes of American Merchant vessels I deem it my duty to make known that a great many American ships having on board a vast amount of property are constantly calling at this place for refreshments and supplies on their way from the East Indies and China to the U. States quite unprotected and as these hostilities are causing the Masters of vessels considerable uneasiness I beg to enclose an abstract of arrivals for the last 3 years.

I would respectfully offer the above information and make this representation with the view of submitting for your serious consideration the necessity and duty of your detaching any Public vessel under your orders that may be allowed and ordering him to call at this port for the purpose of affording these unprotected vessels convoy and protection to the U. States.

I feel moved to urge this assistance from the circumstance of my having received authentic information that the U States Commodore at Rio de Janeiro is affording similar protection to American vessels bound from that port home.

I would also request to notice for your information that this is a very healthy place having a good and safe anchorage an abundance of fine fresh water plenty of potatoes and other vegetables, fresh meat, fish and poultry and at all times can be had salt provisions bread flour and ma-

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are Slaves and moreover there is an excellent Hospita
established by government for sick seamen of all Flags

Should you determine upon affording the protecti
now solicited I would be glad to receive a communicati
in advance from you stating the probable time a States
vessel would be here so that I might make the same
known to those which may touch here that they migh
wait and at the same time I would write to the Cap
of Good Hope and elsewhere to the Southward and Ea
ward, and notify that should vessels congregate here
they will be sure of obtaining the protection in questi

I have the honor to be
Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
signed Wm Cand

U. S. Frigate United States
Porto Praya Nov. [illegible] 46

To Wm. Carroll Esqr.
U. S. Consular and Commercial
Agent, St. Helena

Sir

Your letter of the 29th Oct. last has been received by the U. S. brig Dolphin which vessel arrived at this port from the Coast of Africa on the 5th Inst.

The zeal you have manifested for the protection of the commerce of the U. States cannot be too highly commended, and I regret that it is not in my power to comply with your wishes by affording the aid you seem to think called for by the present crisis of our affairs with Mexico.

The numerical naval force on this station is already inadequate to the performance of the service required of it and if I were to detach a vessel from it, for the purpose you recommend it must become insufficient. You also ask for a vessel of war that may be ordered and bound home to call at St. Helena" but this could not be done without some inconvenience.

St. Helena is out of the way, difficult and tedious to reach by a vessel from the coast North of the line, but it would be still more difficult and tedious from these Islands to which she would be obliged to come previously for supplies. I would further remark that a single cruiser sent for such a purpose could render but little service. To be really useful, if danger is to be apprehended from Mexican privateers she would be obliged to remain some time at the Island, for a fleet to convoy, and I know the disposition of our traders too well to believe that the commander of one of our vessels of war could control their movements by prevailing upon them to wait for each other. Her presence might be of service to one or two but beyond that number her usefulness must appear quite uncertain.

T. O.

I am aware that your apprehensions will not be [illegible] or that a vessel of our navy can be [illegible] here than at any other station. I have neither seen nor heard of a Mexican Cruizer, or a vessel of the U[illegible] States being captured on the high seas. But if the [illegible] you suppose should become necessary it might be m[illegible] [illegible] conveniently afforded by the Commander of the [illegible] Squadron than by me.

The receipt & contents of your letter [illegible] known to the Sect. of the Navy and copies of the same and my reply shall be sent to the Department by the earliest opportunity.

I am with great respect,
Your obdt. Servt.
Signd. Geo C Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Forces
Western Coast of Africa

(Copy)

U. S. Frigate U. States
Gaboon Riv.
15 Aug [illegible]

To
Rear Admiral
Montagniès de la Roque,
Comg the French Naval
Force on the West Coast of Africa
Gaboon River

Sir,

The high estimation in which your character is held by the late Commander of the U. States African Squadron, and Mr. Wilson, missionary, whom I have met at the Gaboon, has led me to desire your acquaintance. I should have had much pleasure in meeting you at this station, and have come to regret your absence.

Mr. Wilson has expressed himself grateful for the kindness he has received from yourself & officers, and I ask you to accept my acknowledgments in consequence of it. He also informs me that he has suffered some loss of property, consisting of a boat and some other articles to the amount of one hundred dollars, by persons under your command, and desires that you would order it restored to him.

May I ask your attention to the complaint which I feel assured you will act upon and do whatever is proper in an investigation of the circumstances.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt servt
(signed) Geo. C. Read
Comg U. S. Naval Force
On the West Coast of Africa

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[illegible]
le [illegible] Septembre [illegible]

Monsieur le Commandant,

[illegible]

[illegible] Monsieur le Commandant [illegible] dont nous sommes mutuellement chargés [illegible]

Veuillez, Monsieur le Commandant, agréer l'assurance de mes [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Montagnes [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Rec'd Montgomery [illegible]
[illegible]

U.S. Brig "Boxer"
Port Praya Decr 31st 1846.

Sir

I herewith submit a report of the vessels boarded and seen since August 12th up to the present time:

"Jonquille" French War Schooner at Prince's Island August 16th from Gaboon River.

An unknown Brig at Sea August 18th in Lat 1° 01' North. Long 8° 34' East.

An American Brigantine supposed to be the "Dolphin" a brig unknown, and an unknown sail, all on the 18th August in Lat 1° 01' N Long 8° 34' E

An unknown Brig At Sea August 26th in Lat 3° 21' S. Long 10° 07' 24" E.

Two French Men of War (Brigs) at anchor in Loango Bay Saturday August 29th.

An English Brig of War At Sea August 30th Lat 3° 47' S Long 11° 34' E.

An English Sloop of War off Malemba August 31st

"Bittern" English Man of War Brig at Kabenda Sept 1st

U.S. Frigate "United States" off Kabenda Sept 1st

English man of war Steamer off do do 5th

"Herald" An American Merchant Brig. Ayers Master, of Salem. Last from Ambrizette Sailed from Salem on the 1st of May for Prince's and St Thomas Islands, and South West Coast of Africa; She was boarded by this vessel at Kabenda. September 3d.

"Caiman" French War Steamer Off Kabenda Sept
6th reported having seen the Flag Ship "United
States" and U S Brig "Dolphin" at the Gaboon
River.

"Hecate" English War Steamer off Point Padrone
September 14th.

An English Brig of War Off Congo River. September 15th.

"Prometheus" English War Steamer off the Congo River
September 19th Last from Loando.

"Sea Lark" English Brig of War cruizing off Am-
brizett September 20th

Five unknown sail September 22nd Off the
Coast in about Lat 7° 16' N. Long 12° 37' E.

"Papillon" French Brig of War at Ambrize Sept 23d.
last from Kabenda, reported that he saw an English
Brig of War communicating with an American
Brigantine off the Congo River, and supposed
that the Englishman had captured the Brigantine.

An unknown Brig about ten miles to the South-
ward of Ambrize September 24th. Supposed her
to be a slaver as she hoisted no colors and ran
away from us.

A Schooner supposed to be a Portuguese, off
Dande Point. September 25th.

"Larne" English Sloop of War At St Paul de Lo-
ando. September 29th, last from Kabenda

"Papillon" French Brig of War, off St Paul de
Loando September 29th

"Nimpha" Portuguese War Schooner At Sea Sept 29th.

"Kingfisher" English Brig of War off Ambrize Sept 30th

"Caiman" French War Steamer off Loango October 4th
reported that while he was at Kabenda an American
Brig (supposed to be the Frances Ann) came in and
landed her cargo & after remaining three
or four days, went to sea at night, she was
boarded and followed by the English Steamer
Prometheus. was informed that her papers were
not correct she having but a certificate from
the American Consul likewise that all the
crew with but one exception were Portuguese,
and Spaniards.

An English Brig (unknown) standing into the
River Congo October 3d.

"Prometheus" English War Steamer at Kabenda
on the 7th of October. Reported that the Amer-
ican Brigantine, the Frances Ann discharged
her cargo at this place about the 20th of Septem-
ber, shipped a number of Portuguese and
sailed for Loango.

A Brig of War (unknown) off the River Congo
October 11th.

Two sail (unknown) At Sea October 12th in Lat 16° 15' S.
Long. 11° 31' 24" E.

An unknown Brig (At Sea) October 13th in Lat 6° 52' N.
Long. 2° 22' 27" E.

One brig and two sail (unknown) At Sea Oct. 14th.
Lat 7° 14' S. Long 12° 30' E.

Two sail (unknown) At Sea October 15th Lat 7° 32' S.
Long [illegible] 12° 34' E.

Two sail (unknown) At Sea. October 16th. Lat 8° 02' S.
Long [illegible] 12° 02' E.

"Nympha" Portuguese War Schooner At Sea Oct. 16th.
reported the arrival of the American Brig "Vintage"
at Ambriz from Rio had discharged a cargo
of Rum, Sugar, Wine, Farina, and small stores
and had sailed for St Paul de Loando on the
14 inst.

"Herald" American Brig October 16th at Mayumba

"Bittern" English Brig of War, at Ambriz Oct 17th.

"Cosmopolitan" English merchant man at Ambriz October 17th.

An unknown sail and a French vessel off
Ambriz October 18th

A French War Steamer with a French Brig
of War in tow, off Dande Point October 20th.

"Vintage" American merchant Brig, At St Paul
de Loando October 22nd.

An English Brig At Sea October 30th in Lat 7°
56' S. Long 12. 17 E.

A Schooner rigged boat off St Paul de Loando
October 30th.

Two French Brigs of War At Sea October 31st.
Lat. 7° 18' Long 12° 35'.

Portuguese Brigantine and an unknown Brig
At Sea. November 1st in Lat 7° 51' S.
Long 12° 45' E

A French Brig of War At Anchor off Kabenda
November 9th.

French Brig of War "Légère" do do do do
November 9th.

An unknown sail off Kabenda November 10th.

An English Steam Brig of War At Sea Nov 4th
in Lat 6° 40' S. Long 12° 20' E.

An English Steamer off Kabenda Bight Nov 11th.
do do do do do do do 13th

An unknown sail at anchor under the land
20 miles to the Nd & Wd of Kabenda Nov 14th.

An American Brig (name unknown) At Sea
Nov 26th in Lat 5° 10' S. Long 10° 30' W.

An Hermaphrodite Brig (name unknown) off
Monrovia Dec 3d.

"Comet" French man of War Brig At Monrovia
Dec 3th.

"Marion" U.S. Sloop of War At Sea Dec 7th.
Lat 7° 15' N. Long 12° 35' W.

An unknown sail at Sea Dec 7th.

"Bougainville" French Brig of War and "Star"
English Brig of War At Sea Dec 7th

"Ferret" English Brig of War At Sea. Dec 8th in
Lat. 7° 24' N. Long 13° 18' W.

An unknown Sail At Sea, December 11th in Lat 6° 11' N. Long 18° 28' W.
An unknown Sail (At Sea) December 19th.
Four Ships standing off and on the Harbor of Port Praya Decr 21st.
a [illegible] American Whaler At Port Praya Decr 27th 42 days out from New Bedford
"Eliza & B Penny" American Whaler Port Praya Decr 27th 28 days out from Fairhaven.
"[illegible]" American Whaler Port Praya Decr 28th 42 days out from New Bedford Saw a wreck of an English Brig and took one whale coming out
Portuguese Schooner "Cape Verd" man of War At Port Praya Decr 31st.
Portuguese Brigantine At Port Praya Decr 31st.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obdnt Servnt
J. E. Bispham
Lieut-Comdg

Comd. G. C. Read.
Comdg U.S. Naval Force
West Coast of Africa.

[illegible] - U. S. B. Boxer
Port Praya - 31 Dec 1846

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U. S. Brig Boxer
Port Praya Decem 22d 1846

Sir

Since I separated from you off Kabinda on the 3rd of September I have the honor to state that I have cruised in the spirit of your instructions of the 11th of August, in cruising [illegible] Loango in Lat 4° 30' and St Paul de Loando in Lat 8° 45' looking in at the intermediate ports as often as the nature of the case would permit. The only American vessels that I met with during that time are the Brig Horatio of Salem at Kabinda a few days after we left there. I could discover nothing suspicious in relation to her. I found her afterwards at Ambriz and Mazula. I also saw the brig Vintage of Salem at St Paul de Loando she was from Rio de Janeiro and had discharged a part of her cargo at Ambriz. I could detect nothing suspicious in connection with her voyage although I heard many suspicious rumours about her having taken a cargo of slaves to Rio in June of the present year.

I first anchored at Ambriz on the 24th of Sept the next morning a sail was discovered close in with the land about 8 miles to the Southward. I immediately weighed anchor and stood for her. The wind being very light we made but slow progress we soon could see from aloft [illegible] flying between her and the shore which circumstance excited a suspicion of her being a Slaver. I then [illegible] dispatched the boats in chase and [illegible] the boats to force the Brig ahead [illegible] we approached within 3 miles of her when she made sail and stood out to sea. By this time a fine breeze had sprung up and she ran away from us with great ease. I continued to chase her till 3 o'clk P.M. at which time she could not be seen from aloft. On passing the

coast

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U. S. Brig Boxer
Port Praya Decem 23d 1846

Sir

Since I separated from you off Kabinda on the 3rd of September I have the honor to state that I have carried out the spirit of your instructions of the 11th of August, in cruising between [illegible] in Lat [illegible] and St Paul de Loando in Lat 8° [illegible] looking into all the intermediate [illegible] as often as the nature of the case would permit. The only American vessels that I met with during that time are the Brig [illegible] of Salem at Kabinda a few days after you left the Coast. [illegible] nothing suspicious in relation to her. I [illegible] saw her at Ambriz and Mazula. I also saw the brig Vintage of Salem at St Paul de Loanda. She was from Rio de Janeiro and had discharged a part of her cargo at Ambriz. I could detect nothing suspicious in connection with her voyage although I heard many suspicious rumours about her having taken a cargo of slaves to Rio in June of the present year.

I first anchored at Ambriz on the 24th of Sept. the next morning a sail was discovered close in with the land about 5 miles to the Southward. I immediately weighed anchor and stood for her the wind being very light [illegible] but she [illegible] we soon could see from aloft [illegible] flying between her and the shore which circumstance excited a suspicion of her being a Slaver. I then [illegible] the boats [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] before the Brig ahead [illegible] within 6 miles of her when she made sail and stood out to sea. At this time a fine breeze had sprung up and she ran away from us with great ease. I continued to chase her till 4 o'clk P.M. at which time she could [illegible] seen [illegible] aloft. On passing the

coast

Commander [illegible]
Pt Praya 23 Dec 1846

[illegible] which I have noticed [illegible] a month of large [illegible] on the Blacks and many hundreds of them on the beach and adjoining hills evidently intended as a part of the cargoes [illegible] [illegible] in Cabinda [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during the [illegible]

I have since been informed from various sources that the [illegible] Brazilian was successful in taking off [illegible] [illegible] the month that the [illegible] intended to take on board [illegible] at St Paul de Loando the last time I was [illegible] the [illegible] of October and went there for the purpose [illegible] during the time of the [illegible] which we [illegible] [illegible] H.B.M. Steamer [illegible] was kind enough to [illegible] a supply of [illegible] the next day after [illegible] remarkably well [illegible] [illegible] of Cholera.

While there, whilst at St Pauls in [illegible] from [illegible] an American [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] discharge [illegible] of Kabinda [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] and would take their [illegible] the coast. He says [illegible] was the only American [illegible] I followed [illegible] things of [illegible] I left Kabinda on [illegible] of Nov. on my return North and arrived at Monrovia on Saturday 28th ultimo and sailed thence on the 5th Inst. for this place and arrived on Tuesday 22nd Inst.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
[illegible] Wm C. Whittle
Lieut. Comd.g

Commodore Geo. C. Read
Commanding U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] hereafter [illegible] be well founded, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obt servt

Geo. C. Read
Comg. U.S. Naval Force
[illegible]

Ackd. Aug 20.

See June 18.

[illegible]

R.109 Janes Harri

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[illegible]

Hon. J. Y. Mason
Secy of the Navy

Sir

The enclosed statement of the case of Midshipman William R. [illegible] presented by the Fleet Surgeon will also [illegible] the case of Mr. R. Harris [illegible] and will I trust be deemed sufficient to justify me in carrying into effect the recommendation of the Fleet Surgeon & Commander of this ship.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obt servt

Geo. C. Read
Comg. U.S. Naval Force
[illegible]

U. S. Frigate United States

[illegible] April 7th 1847.

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Sir,

Respectfully recommend that Midshipman William [illegible] be permitted to return to the United States, on account of an injury of the foot, received some ten months since. [illegible] [illegible] the general health also is failing in consequence of the confinement which the accident has necessarily produced.

Very respectfully &c

T. Dillard,
Fleet Surg.

To
Joseph Smoot
Capt.

Ackd. Aug 20.

R.108 June 12. Ha

[illegible]

[illegible] from the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] communication.

[illegible]

[illegible] night.

[illegible]

[illegible] the following documents, viz

Duplicate of our communications Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Copy of a letter, dated [illegible] from J. C. [illegible], Sec. of the U.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

Com° Read's
[illegible]

No 10.
[illegible]

✓ [illegible] complaint made by Messrs Brookhouse &
[illegible] landing of Potatoes, & Report upon the same
[illegible] of Report of Com: Simonds of the "Marion";
Com. [illegible] "Dolphin", & of Com. Bispham "Boxer"
Statements of service of [illegible] officers of "Marion"
[illegible] vessels boarded by "U. States", "Marion", "Dolphin", "Bo
Statement of Punishment - do - do
[illegible] Reports "U. States" - do
Returns of officers & men - do
[illegible] from A. W. Means, Actg Purser of "Dolphin"
[illegible] of deaths in Barings Co.

[illegible] to the Canary Islands in a
[illegible] for money.

I have the honor to be
with great Respect
Your Ob. Servt
Geo. C. Read
Comg U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Ackd Aug 20.

R125 June 18 Hav

[illegible] company Comr Read's [illegible]
No 10 of 12 May [illegible]

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To [illegible] 30 June [illegible]

The Officer in Command
of American vessels
of the U. States

Sir

[illegible] the departure of [illegible] I [illegible] to make you the following communication.

The Mexican Government [illegible] sent [illegible] letters of marque [illegible] to various ports in Europe, in charge of Agents deputed to fit out privateers. An office for the purpose has been publicly opened in London; the papers announce a rumor that a vessel is about to sail from the Thames with such papers, and, in consequence of it, however improbable, the rate of insurance on American vessels & their Cargoes has considerably risen. In Cadiz an Agent of the Mexican Govt endeavored to induce a resident house to fit out a privateer; but from fear of the treaty of 1795, between Spain & the U. States it declined. I learnt there from a confidential source that one Moreno, formerly engaged in the slave trade to Cuba, was meditating an enterprise of the kind. I immediately informed the Spanish authorities, & the Consul of the U. States the next day saw the Governor of Cadiz, who gave him most satisfactory assurances of his disposition to observe the treaty & keep an eye on Morenos movements.

I have no apprehensions therefore in that quarter; in some other Spanish or Portuguese port, or in the Mediterranean (to which the Agent who came to Cadiz /

[illegible] must not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a single [illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] of a small [illegible]
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[illegible]

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[illegible] specially [illegible]
[illegible] the condition of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] connected [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible] Navy Department
[illegible] of the engineer of the [illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]
[illegible]

To the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] without paying [illegible]

[illegible] that he must [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had.
[illegible]

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[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] against the natives and a [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] against the natives [illegible] [illegible]
that they had done much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
which they have [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and had [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] also, that some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

There are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] against [illegible]

[illegible] Palace [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] presented [illegible] Majesty [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] commenced [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] renewed [illegible]

[illegible] month.

On the 3[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] from the [illegible] it was almost impossible [illegible] of the [illegible] number of them [illegible] opportunity, but [illegible] had [illegible] greatly diminished [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] detaining the ship on the [illegible] proceeded, in pursuance of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Ammunition [illegible] submitted.

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Admiral [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Admiral [illegible] with fifteen, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] given to you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Commander [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] given in charge to the Commander the letter which were [illegible] to be forwarded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Commander [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dispatches [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which was accomplished in [illegible] days.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the English Commission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] thought [illegible] [illegible] you will [illegible] [illegible]. In this we were disappointed, however, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] only four bills to the amount of [illegible] one hundred & eighty four pounds sterling (£184) at par value – four letters [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Commander [illegible]
Copy [illegible]
[illegible] 9th Feb 1856

[illegible] [illegible] that amount the sum of Two thousand seven hundred Eighty [illegible] dollars paid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Boat [illegible] [illegible] morning of the 30 March.

The [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible] herewith a communication to [illegible] from Admiral Dahlgren [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] arrived at [illegible] on the [illegible] of the 3rd inst. [illegible] morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I am Sir very respectfully

Your obt. servt

[illegible]

Commander

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Signed [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Lt. Com: J. C. Bispham
U. S. Brig "Boxer"
Monrovia 16 Apl. 1847

Forwarded by
U. S. F. "United States"
[illegible] 31 Mch 1847

Vessels boarded by U. States Frigate "United States"

Where Boarded or Seen	Date	Rate & Name of Vessel	Nation	Name of Master	Where From	of days	Where bound	Cargo	Remarks
15.24 N. 23.50 W.	Oct. 1 1846.	Barque Sarah.	American	Snow	Mattapoisett	1.22	on a Cruise		Whaler
Port Praya	" 4 "	Brig. Thos Winslow	"	Stanton	Westport	16		170 Bbls Oil	" On Cruise in 17° South
" "	" 8 "	" America	"	Lombard		150	on a Cruise	200 " "	"
" "	" "	Barque Pere.	"	Maynard	New Bedford	120	" "	Oil	"
" "	" 26 "	Cicero	"	J. A. Howland	" "	46	Pacific Ocean	Whale Oil	On a Whaling voyage
" "	" 30 "	Jasper.	"	A. B. Pope.	" "	52	Indian "	" "	" " "
10.03 N. 18.42 W.	Nov. 5	Schr. Boston	"	H. B. Ludington.	last from Sugary	8	New York	Palm Oil Camwood, Ivory	
4.26 N. 8.05 W.	Decr 23	Brig Appollo.	French.	Maynal	Goree	60	Gaboon		37 Passengers
Elmina	" 28.	" Esculus	American	Ulrick	Bahia	35	Lagos	Rum & Tobacco	
"	" 31	" Gov. McLane	English.	Mayo	Accra	1	England	Palm Oil	Marion at anchor, at Accra
Accra	Jany 1. 1847	Navarale Mangaka	"	John Marman	London	19 Months	Winneba	Rum & Ash	
"	" " "	Sylphade	French.	V. Regnier	Bahia	38 days	Wydah	Rum & Tobacco	
"	" "	Cuba	American	Israel J. Howe	Elmina	16 "	Elmina	Rum &c	
"	" "	Thora	Hamburg.	Forman	Annamaboe	6 "	Wydah	Gin & Glass.	
	" "	Nuestra Senor de la Guarda	Genoese.	George Batta.	Bahia	29 "	Lagos	Aguadiente & Tobacco	
Quitta.	" 4 "	Brig Hound.	English	Wood					
"	" " "	Brig Flying Fish.							
Whydah.	" 6 "	Brigantine La Fine	French						
"	" " "	Brig Sidonia	Hamburg.	W. H. Fof.	Sierra Leone	10	along the Coast	General Assortment	
	" " "	" Claudine	"	W. Johnson	"	"	" "	" "	
"	" " "	Barque, Jeune Henri	French.				" "	" "	
"	" 7 "	Brig Cantravers de Marseilles	"	Covin	Bahia	45	" "	Brandy & Tobacco.	
	" "	" Celestine de Bayonne	"						
	" " "	" Sylphade de Granville	"						
"	11	" Esculus	New York.	John Ulrick	Bahia	57	along the Coast	Rum & Tobacco	
Monrovia.	Mar. 24	" Hollander	American	Lovett.	Providence R.	85	Sierra Leone		
"	"	Schr. Mary Wilkes	"	Folger.	New Orleans	40	New Orleans	Rum & Tobacco	Left Jany 14th
"	"	Brig Gazelle	Bremen	Ambina	Tantamaquerry		Sierra Leone	Rum Tobacco, M. Wine &c	
"	27.	Quesago	French,	Colin	Nantz	53	Coasting	General	
"	30	Barque Montgomery	American	Hooper	Cape Palmas	14	Providence R. I.	Palm Oil	saw Boxer at Elmina Feby.
"	"	Steamer Maid of Islay	English.		Sierra Leone	7.	Trade town.	General Assortment.	

Appd. Joseph Smoot
Captn

List of Vessels seen, spoken or boarded from on board the U. S. Ship Marion Lewis E. Simonds Commander from October 10 1846 to April 20 1847 inclusive

Where boarded, seen or spoken	Date	Rate	Nation	Name of Vessel	Name of Master	Where from	No. of days out	Where bound	Cargo	No. of souls on board	Remarks
	1846										
Off St. Nicholas	October 18	Barque	English	Amelia and Mulholls	R. H. Balsey	Mauritius	32	London	Sugar	13	Touched at St. Helena & Ascens.
At Porto Praya.	" 23	Frigate	U. S.	United States	W. Smoot						Seen again Dec 9 at Monrovia " " " 14 Jan '47 " Princes Island
" " "	" "	Storeship	"	Southampton	H. W. Morris						
At Sea	Nov. 9	Brig									
" "	" 21.	Schooner	English	Anna & Emily	Edwards	Whydah	21	Sierra Leone	Palm Oil		
" on "	" 26.	Brig	U.S.	Dolphin	W. Pope						Seen again Dec 9 at Monrovia
" "	" "	Frigate	U.S.	U. States	W. Smoot						" " " " "
" "	Dec 7.	Brig	"	Boxer	W. E. Bispham						
" Monrovia	" 9.	"	H.B.M.	Favourite	Murray						
" "	" "	"	English								
" Sea	" 18	"									
" "	" 24.	"									Standing to the Westward
Off Accra	" 29.	Barque	American	Cuba	Howe	Salem, Mass.		Elmina	Rum & [illegible]	14	Trader
" "	" "	Brig	Hamburg								"
" "	" "	Schooner	English								"
" St. Pauls	" 31.	Brig of War	H.B.M.	Hound	Wood						Seen again Jan 7 off Lagos River " " " 21 " Princes Isl.
" Quitta	" "	Steam sloop	French	Le Caiman	Roux						Seen again at Sea Jan 3. 17 & 19th
" "	" "	Brig of War	"	La Surprise	G. de Refuge						" " " " " 3d
" "	" "	Schooner " "	"	La [illegible]	D. Arnault						" " " " " 17 & 19th
" "	" "	Barque	Danish								
At Sea	1847 Jan 2.	Ship									Standing to the Nd & Wd
Off Whydah	" 4	Brig	Hamburg	Sidonia	W. H. Voss				[illegible]		Trader
" "	" "	"	"	Claudine	Johnson				" "		"
" "	" "	Barque	French	Jeune Henri	Orceille				" "		"
" "	" "	Brig	"	Alfonse					" "		"
" Porto Novo	" 5.	Brig of War	H.B.M.	Pantaloon	Douglas						
" Lagos River	" 7	Polacca	Sardinian	Abdul Medshid		Bahia				11	Spoken again at Sea Jan 10th
At Sea	" 12	Brig of War	H.B.M.								
" "	" "	" " "	" " "								Standing to the Sd & Ed
" "	" "	Ship									
" "	" "	Brig									
" "	" 17	"	American								
" Princes Island	" 21	Steam tender	H.B.M.								
" Sea	" 24.	Steamer									Reports having boarded the Brigantine Frances Ann of New York in Mazumba Bay
" "	Febr 4.	Brig of War	H. B. M.	Waterwitch	T. F. Birch						
" Kabenda	" 6	Sloop " "	" " "	Larne	Brisbane						Seen at the same place again March 8th & 31st
" "	" 9	Brig " "	" " "	Bittern							" " " " " " " 8th
" Ambriz	" 15	Brig	American	Frederica	Chs. Roath	Rio de Janeiro	44		Rum Dry Goods &c	10.	
" "	" "	Schooner	"	H. H. Cole	F. Babbidge	Salem				13	Loading for home with Gum Copal Copper Ore &c
" "	" "	"	"	M. Van Buren	R. Souder	Bahia			Rum & Farina	11.	Boarded again at Loando Febr 23d
" "	" "	Brig	English	Mary	A. McIntosh	Liverpool			General	11	" " " " " "
" "	" "	"	"	Dash	Atkinson	"			"		" " " Kabenda March 8th
" "	" "	Steamer	French	L'Élan	de Ville sur Arce						
" "	" "	Brig	"	Friz	Sallemand	Marseille			Gum Copal Cloth &c		Boarded again at Benguela Mch 21st
" "	" "	"	Hamburg	Romeo	Paulsen	Hamburg			General	11.	
" "	" 16.	man of War Schooner	Portuguese	Nimpha							Spoken again at Sea March 6
" Loando	" 23.		"								Saw at this place 16 Portuguese Merchant Vessels -
" Sea	March 4.	Brig	Brazilian	Soldado		Rio de Janeiro	42	Ambriz	Rum & [illegible] Sugars	16.	
" Kabenda	" 8	Steamer	H.B.M.	Styx	Chads						Seen again at Sea Mch 12th
" "	" "	Brig of War	French	L'Abeille	de St. Germain						
" Sea.	" 16.	Brig									Supposed to be French.
" "	" 18.	Guarda Costa	Portuguese		[illegible]	Loando		Benguela			Name forgotten by boarding Officer

List of Vessels seen, spoken or boarded from on board the U. S. Ship "Marion" _ continued.

Where boarded seen, or spoken	Date	Rate	Nation	Name of Vessel	Name of master	Where from	No. of days out	Where bound	Cargo	No. of souls on board	Remarks
	1847										
At Sea	March 18.	Brig of War	H. B. M.	Rapid	Galloway						
" Benguela	" 21	" "	" Portuguese	Mondigo	Cardoso						
" "	" "	Schooner	Hamburg	Argo	Brega		8 mos		Assorted		
" Sea	" 27	Man of war Brigantine	French								Standing to the Sd & Wd
" "	" 30	Brig of War	H.B.M.	Waterwitch	Birch						Standing to the Nd
" Mollemba Bay	" 31.	" "	" "	Heroine	Edmonds						
off Kabenda	" "	" "	" "	Lily	Newton						
" "	" "	" "	French								
" "	" "	" "	"								
At Sea	April 5	" "	"								Standing to the Sd & Ed
" "	" 17	Brig									
" "	" "	Steamer									
" "	" 19	Ship									

U. S. Ship Marion

Misurado Roads April 20 1847.

L. C. Simonds

Commander

To

Comm^e George C. Read

Commanding U. S. Naval Forces

West Coast of Africa

Misurado Roads _

List of Vessels seen & boarded
by U. S. S. "Marion"
to April 1847

List of Vessels boarded or spoken by the U.S. Brig "Dolphin" Chas Pope Esq Commander

from March [illegible] to April 4th [illegible] on cruise

Where boarded & spoken	Date	Rig	Nation	Name	Master	Where From	Time Out	Where Bound	Cargo	No Men	Remarks
Porto Praya	[illegible]	Barque	American	[illegible]		Boston	21 days	[illegible]	Stores		Stores for U.S. African Squadron
						Salem		[illegible]	Assorted		
"	" 10	Barque	"	Liberia Packet		Monrovia		Baltimore	"		
Sierra Leone	" 24	Brig		Delaware	Taylor	Leeward Coast	2 mos.	Philadelphia	"	6	
" "	" 24	Steamer	F.C.M.	[illegible]	Ad. Montagne de la Roque	Goree		Cruise			Sailed 1 P.M. 24th March
" "	" 24		F.C.M.	L'Australie		"		"			
" "	" 24	Barque	English	Fr. Anne		London		London	Assorted		
" "	" 24	"	"	Christianna		"		Trading	"		
" "	" 25	Brig	H.B.M.	Albatross	Farquhar	On Cruise	3 m.	Ascension			
" "	" 25	"	French	Betsey		Cape Mount		Bassa			
" "	" 30th	Schooner	F.C.M.	L'Hirondelle	Belleguise	" "		Cruise			
Off Cape Mount	April 4	Brig	H.B.M.	Siren	Thos Chaloner	" "		Cruise			Reported the loss of the Commander of French Brig of [illegible] a French merchantman by drowning being capsized on the Bar at Cape Mount and that Capt. T Canot's Factory has been burnt
" " Mesurado	" 4	Barque	American	Montgomery	C. H. Roper	Pt Coast		Providence			

List of Vessels seen &
boarded - U.S.B. "Dolphin"
fr 4 March to 24 April 1847

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U S Brig [illegible]"
April 1st 1844

Sir

I herewith submit to you the quarterly return of vessels boarded and seen since the 1st of January last.

"Kestrel" English man of war brig January 6th at sea {Lat 5°10' N / Long 13°14' W}
An unknown brig same day, standing to the Westward " "
An unknown sail seen from the masthead, Jany 12th At Sea
"Star" English man of war brig at Cape Mount Jany 12th
"Champion" American Barque " " " " " from New York
"[illegible]" English man of war brig " " " " " "
"Dolphin" U.S. brig of war " " " " " "
"Margaret Ann" American Brigantine At Monrovia Jany 15th from N York.
Two Brigs and a Brigantine off Grand Bassa. Jany 17th & 18th
"Alert" English brig of war off Grand Bassa Jany 18th
"Bougainville" French brig of war off Little Cess Jany 18th
An English merchant brig off Nifou standing to the Wd Jany 20th
Two unknown sail off Garraway Jany 21st
An unknown sail at sea off Cape Palmas Jany 22d
An unknown brig " " " " " " "
" " " sail " " " " " " 23d
An unknown sail at sea Jany 31st seen from masthead
"Montgomery" American Barque Capt Cooke At Elmina Feby 20th
Bound to Winebah last from St Thomas
"Smithfield" American Brig Capt Cull, " " " "
Bound to Accra. last from St Thomas
"Oregon" American Brig Capt Simms. At Accra Feby 8th

trading on the Coast:
A Genoese Brig. At Elmina Feby 6th
An English Steamer (unknown) Off Great Popo Feby 11th
An " vessel (") At Sea " " "
"Mary Connell" English Barque At Whydah " "
"Victor" French merchant brig " " " " "
An English vessel (unknown) At [illegible] " 12th
"Lucania" American merchant brig, Snellbrock Master with a
[illegible] cargo, last from [illegible], bound to Bahia, had received
[illegible] licence from the frigate "United States" at Whydah
Jany 11th. Boarded this brig at Porto Novo Feby 12th
"Carolina" Hamburgh brig At " " " " "
"Camarigo" " " " " " "
"Ironia" " " " " " " Lat 6° 20' North
"Hound" English Brig of War At Sea February 13th Long 3° 30' East
An unknown Brig off Princes Island " 22d
"Pantaloon" English Brig of War Prince's Island " 24th
"Snake" " Steam tender " " " 20th
An unknown sail seen from topsail yard At Sea March 3rd
A French Brig of War (unknown) " " " 7th
An English Schooner (unknown) Off Mayumba " 14th
A French Steamer, barque rigged At Sea " 14th
An unknown sail seen from masthead " " " 19th
"Penelope" English War Steamer, bearing the Broad Pendant
of Commodore Sir Charles Hotham, "Larne" Sloop of War
Capt Brisbane, — "Bittern" brig, Capt Hope, — "Lily" brig, Capt
Hutton, — "Heroine" brig, Capt Edmonds, — and "Sea Lark"
Capt —, all at Kabenda March 21st.

""Senator" American Brig, John Kelly, Master, from Rio de Janeiro,
"with a cargo of Rum, Farina, muskets, dried beef, dry fish, beans &c.
"The above brig is owned in Boston, cleared from New York in
"April 1846, for the Rio Grande (S.A.) at which place she
"discharged all her crew but the 2d mate, has but one Amer-
"ican on board. She was chartered in Rio de Janeiro for 12
"months from Nov 26, 46. She arrived at Ambriz 6th February
"1847, & at Point Helena (Congo River) on the 1st March. Has
"a supercargo on board." Boarded and examined this brig at
Kabenda. March 20th 1847.
"Phebe" French War Schooner, at Kabenda March 21st
An English merchant Schooner, " " "
"Sea Lark" English brig of War. At Sea March 26th
"Water Witch" " " " " " " " 29th

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
J. E. Bispham
Lieut Comdg.

Commodore George C. Read
Comdg U S Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Transd. (A. S. Brig. Hdqrs.

1 Apl '64)

[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of the ship [illegible]
[illegible] the substitution of Hemp [illegible] for
[illegible] [illegible], as the latter articles had give
out [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] running rigging
[illegible] [illegible] had. The [illegible] of
them [illegible] [illegible] made almost Comple
[illegible] [illegible]. The breechings of the guns
on examination were found to be untrustworthy
[illegible] [illegible] of the 2 guns in the Cabin.
[illegible] obliged to [illegible] 30 fathoms of a [illegible] haw
[illegible] for a temporary substitute, un
[illegible] of a [illegible] [illegible] can be obtained
[illegible] [illegible] the Mast
[illegible] of navigation, with the rest of the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy
Your obt servt
(Signed) [illegible]
Commander

To
Com:
Geo. C. Read
Comg U.S. N. Forces
West Coast of Africa

[illegible] U.S. [illegible] [illegible] 1847

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No: 11/20.

U.S. Brig. United States
Porto Praya
12th [illegible] 1847

The Hon:
Jno: Mason
Sec of the Navy

Sir,

The death of the U. States Consul, [illegible] [illegible] having caused the vacancy of the Consulship at this Island, and being informed by the respectable masters of ships in port at this place, that they cannot settle their affairs without the aid of a Consul, I have deemed it my duty to appoint Mr William Pegolo (a native of Portugal) to fill the vacancy, until the pleasure of the President of the U. States shall be made known.

Mr. Pegolo is well known in Porto Praya, and bears a good character. He is well acquainted with the mercantile business of these Islands, and speaks the languages necessary to make all parties understand each other. I therefore considered him (as he was represented to me) the fittest person for the office I could appoint.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt servt
Geo. C. Read
Comg U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Commr Read
[illegible]

No 11.
May 1

Ackd
Aug 20.

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G. W. A. Read

U. S. S. United States,
Port Praya, May 14. 1847

This is to certify, That I have carefully examined into the condition and health of Lt. Jno. G. Bispham, commanding U. S. Brig Boxer, and find that he is affected with paralysis of the left side of the body & left thigh and leg, and chronic Hepatitis. It is my opinion that he is unfit for duty, and should be sent home.

T. Dillard,
Fleet Surgeon,
African Squadron

U. S. Brig Boxer,
Porto Praya,
May 14th 1847

Sir,

In reply to your request (verbally made this morning) that I would acquaint you with my present opinion as to the state of your health, I regret to be obliged to say that I consider it too much shattered to justify you in remaining any longer on the coast of Africa. I therefore recommend that you return to the United States, as on sick ticket, by the opportunity which now offers at this port.

Very Respectfully
J. Beale
Pass'd. Asst. Surg'n

Lieut. Comm'g
Jno. E. Bispham
U. S. Brig Boxer.

Clothd Aug 70.

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Ackd Aug 20

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To
J. S. Reynolds Esq.
Secretary of the U. S.
Legation at Madrid

U. S. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the [illegible] January last directed to the officer in command of any armed vessel of the U. States was not delivered to me until the [illegible] April at Cape Mesurado West coast of Africa.

I have been anxious to acknowledge the evidence of your public zeal but not having had an opportunity, and intending to visit the Island of Madeira for the purpose of obtaining further information as to the reports mentioned in your letter I determined to defer writing until I should arrive at that Island.

By the receipt of newspapers & letters from the United States I am now in possession of the same information which you have been pleased to communicate and I am directed to send the Sloop of war "Marion", Commander Simonds to Gibraltar for the purpose mentioned in your letter.

I can readily conceive the danger to which our commerce may be exposed if the Southern agents in England and Spain should succeed in persuading the subjects of those nations to fit out Privateers. But it seems improbable that men having no ports to which they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] should

[illegible] the [illegible] would be merely to

[illegible] in vessels of such articles as Privateers could

[illegible] This [illegible] hardly compensate them for

the [illegible] and the [illegible] they must [illegible]

The Albany is by no means fit [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] become very foul from the length of time it has been on the Coast of Africa but it is the only cruiser we have on this coast that can with propriety be employed for such Service.

Hoping that the alarms [illegible] may have been premature & that there is no real cause of alarm for the safety of our commerce

I am with high respect
your obt. servant

Signed Geo. C. Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Force
W. Coast of Africa

Lieu Pickett's Mex. Serv.

[illegible] May 3.d – 47.

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to impress on you that such
opinions had better be expressed
to the Dept. —

On the arrival of Com. Bolton
to relieve you, you will
proceed immediately to the
Mediterranean. The Princeton
sailed from Philadelphia
for duty in that sea, the
The new Steamer
Allegheny will follow
without delay and after
visiting [illegible]
Arrangements have been
made for supplying the
Steamers with Coal, at
~~the~~ Gibraltar & Malta —
I desire that you will
make enquiry at Gibraltar
and inform the Dept. whether
English Coal cannot be
obtained on more favorable
terms at the present high rate
of freights — the coal sent out
was sent by contract.

[illegible] —

Coal dd at Gibraltar, 800 Tons @ $14.50
300 Anthracite
500 Cumberland. (Bituminous)
Coal dd at Malta, 800 Tons $16.50
300
500 ([illegible]

No 114
May 26

Ackd. Aug 20.

ack. and app. as within

In approving your prompt meas
to protect American commer
from depredations of pretended
Mexican privateers, I regret to
perceive that in your lette
to Mr. Reynolds of the 31st Ma
[illegible], after communicating you
orders to send the Marion to
the Mediterranean, you say
The Marion is by no means fi
to cruize for privateers — &
I am sure if you had know
the extreme embarrassment
of the Dept. from the difficu
of shipping men, you woul
have hesitated, before you
communicated to a diploma
agent, the opinion that the ve
selected by the Dept. was unf
for the duty to be performe
alluding 172 to the subject, [illegible]
Ltr 172 July 28 Hav

[illegible]

[illegible]

Geo. C. Rea

[illegible]

[illegible]

G. C. Read

Comm^r Read
Port Praya

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[illegible]

Geo. C. Read

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Comm. Cesar

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15 July

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No. 17

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[illegible]

Geo. C. Read

[illegible]

Comm. Read.

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6 Aug. 1847

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[illegible]

in Consequence of [illegible]

the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

happy [illegible]

[illegible]

United States [illegible]

amongst them [illegible]

that are [illegible]

advice, I [illegible]

for the settlement of [illegible]

I [illegible]

[illegible] as follows:

[illegible]
[illegible] Commercial [illegible] Seamen [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] such [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] States [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] such [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Seamen [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] foreign [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] shipping [illegible]
[illegible] discharge [illegible]
[illegible] shall make [illegible]
[illegible] embark, [illegible]
[illegible] seamen and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] shall [illegible] been [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] seamen shall [illegible]
[illegible] agreem[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Commercial Agent [illegible]
[illegible] the same by [illegible]
[illegible] of agreement, and
[illegible] of them [illegible] Consular [illegible]
[illegible] discharge [illegible]
[illegible] and signature of
Master

[illegible] found [illegible]
[illegible] seamen [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] same [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] additional pay.

Whenever a vessel belong-
ing to a citizen [illegible] States shall [illegible]
a foreign [illegible]
when a seaman [illegible]
be discharged [illegible] the
master shall [illegible]
Commercial Agent or Vice Commercial Agent [illegible]
of the ship [illegible] and [illegible]
Agent [illegible]
designated in such list as a citizen [illegible]
[illegible] may be [illegible]
[illegible]
found [illegible] Commercial Agent [illegible]
[illegible] upon [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
payment of the wages of seamen [illegible]
the United States [illegible]
the United States and [illegible]
seamen who may be [illegible]
such foreign port, and [illegible]
in such

[illegible]
Commandant at [illegible]
[illegible] dated 3 July [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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To
Commander
[illegible] Pope
U.S. Brig "Dolphin"

Sir,

The Commander's conversation with Mr. Robert [illegible] Superintendent of [illegible] on or about the 30th Ulto [illegible] the [illegible] of the Barque "Chancellor" gave me the following statement, in which the [illegible] Superintendent concurred.

[illegible] manufacturing handcuffs [illegible] making [illegible] the charge of a man [illegible] made with some [illegible] and was [illegible] had fallen [illegible] necks; [illegible] and [illegible] moment [illegible] the Barque [illegible]

[illegible] of the above statement [illegible] Commander [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Copy

Government House
Monrovia Liberia
Aug 2nd 18[illegible]

Dear Sir

In answer to your inquiry respecting my opinion of the character of the American Barque "Chancellor" they ... I state, that it is my decided opinion that [illegible] ... for the purpose of [illegible] a cargo of slaves from the coast, if possible.

This opinion is founded, 1st on the character of the officers and crew, I have, they are, during the last ten or twelve months, have been engaged, directly or indirectly, in the slave trade, during the greater part of that time; [illegible] from various suspicious circumstances connected with the vessel, while she was at this place, and at Cape Mount and 3rdly from the statements of one of the Crew who was left at this place, when the Chancellor sailed for the leeward.

While she was lying at anchor here, [illegible] a great quantity of [illegible] was [illegible] on board the barque; the only [illegible] was [illegible], that [illegible] fit setting [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] generally used on board Slave Ships.

The man who was left at this place, states, [illegible] of [illegible], that [illegible] was [illegible] hundred bags of rice when he sailed from this port enough [illegible] seven or eight hundred slaves, for fifty days, [illegible] that a large quantity of other kinds of provisions were on board and that every thing was in readiness, to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the American flag, Seizure and [illegible] being made. We are stated that nearly all the goods which were brought from the United States in the Chancellor, were landed at Gallinas and that consequently very few of the goods were on board, when the vessel arrived at this place. It is [illegible], that the quantity of lumber [illegible] [illegible] which was not required [illegible] about the [illegible] [illegible] which might be made [illegible] slave deck, in a very short time.

Mr. [illegible] states here, that his object in chartering the Chancellor during the [illegible] was to purchase Palm Oil with Cash, not having any goods for that purpose, a course of procedure which is altogether new in the history of African trade and is highly suspicious.

I am respectfully
Your [illegible]
(Signed) J. J. Roberts.

Commander [illegible]
Commanding U. S. [illegible]
West Coast of Africa

Neither [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Chancellor [illegible] copy of a [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] that [illegible]

The [illegible] who [illegible] at this place [illegible] at [illegible] made the statement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I should [illegible] respecting the [illegible] and respecting the character [illegible] of her. I am perfectly satisfied that she is [illegible] engaged in the slave trade, that she [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Sir Robert Fitzgerald,
relating to Mr Court of the
[illegible] Chancellor
Florence 29 Jul 1827

Copy.

[illegible]

U. S. Brig Dolphin
[illegible] Apr. [illegible]

Sir,

I have the honor to report that this morning I boarded and captured the American Ship Chancellor, Captain J. J. Freeman, at anchor [illegible] to leeward of Cape Palmas under strong suspicion of her being intended to carry off a Cargo of Slaves, for the following facts [illegible] can be [illegible] found on board.

She was found to have on board a quantity of about five thousand gallons of water, plank enough to lay a Slave deck, from four to five hundred bags of Farina, and a quantity of Rice [illegible] sufficient for the purpose of [illegible] a Slave galley. Her [illegible] [illegible] that of a Barque to a Ship. And from the fact of her having on board only a small quantity of Palm Oil and a few other small articles of little or no value, her avowed object on this Coast was for the purpose of trading. She also had on board five Canoes, one of which was sufficiently large enough to carry thirty men.

I have accordingly placed Lieut. [illegible] in charge of the vessel with a prize Crew of six men and directed him to proceed to New York, [illegible] Cape Palmas to land a number of Kroomen and two Spaniards.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Pope
Commander

To
Commodore Geo. C. Read
Comdg. U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

P. S. A copy of the above was also sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy.

[illegible] Capt [illegible]
from New York [illegible]

[illegible] that to [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] Canning [illegible]
[illegible] saying that he [illegible]
[illegible] to make [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible] much [illegible] the time [illegible] there had been [illegible] the [illegible] the Dolphin [illegible] the Dolphin [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] a [illegible] taken on board, and the vessel proceeded [illegible] sailing. [illegible] water [illegible] the Dolphin [illegible] a few articles & the [illegible] taken on board [illegible] and water casks, & the Dolphin was [illegible] the coast, at this time [illegible] provisions [illegible]

Mr Canots family was taken on board the Chancellor and carried away to Monrovia. A quantity of [illegible] taken on board, & Mr [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] there is [illegible] the coast [illegible] [illegible] chances [illegible] [illegible] suspicion [illegible] [illegible] fastest [illegible] [illegible] until she [illegible] Port Praia [illegible] [illegible] circumstances [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] who [illegible] his [illegible] which expected his instructions [illegible] gave [illegible] directions [illegible] she [illegible]

On the [illegible] April [illegible] the American Ship Chancellor [illegible] the [illegible] stores, [illegible] of twenty [illegible] thousand gallons of [illegible] for [illegible] might [illegible] the [illegible] altered from that of a [illegible] to that of a ship. [illegible] object, [illegible] for trade on the coast with a [illegible] from the [illegible] the [illegible] of their having [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible] sailing.

It will [illegible] from the fact that [illegible] having [illegible] of three months [illegible] they [illegible] having taken in [illegible] one hundred gallons of [illegible] together with [illegible] other [illegible] of [illegible] and being found in this state with five [illegible] one of which is sufficiently large to embark thirty [illegible] induced me to fully believe that she cannot be [illegible] for anything else than a slaver.

I have accordingly placed Lieut. D. F. Dulany in charge [illegible] of this vessel with a [illegible] him to [illegible] with her to New York [illegible] way of Port Praya [illegible] by Secretary

[illegible] Sir [illegible]

To

[illegible]

Comdr

Lieut. [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Commander

[illegible] the [illegible] having [illegible] received April the eighth

[illegible]

Com.

U. S. Brig Dolphin
Monrovia Feb. 2nd [illegible]

Sir,

I have received on my arrival [illegible] after on the 11th Inst. your letter dated Jan. 25th informing me of the reports that were in circulation respecting the seizure of the Chancellor, and also that you had received two letters from Lieut. Delany, which were [illegible] statements of the grounds upon which that vessel was taken. You will perceive by my report that the rumors upon which your letter rests are without foundation.

The reasons which induced me to take possession of the Chancellor are given in detail in the report of my cruize, and I need not recapitulate them here. As to the report that I seized the Chancellor on the ground of what I considered an order from you, I am at a loss to conceive how it originated as I have not said anything which could give rise to it.

In regard to there being money on board the vessel I can only say none was found when she was searched.

I examined a part of her crew. They said they had only obeyed their orders & that they were willing and expected to assist in working the vessel to the United States. I should have given Lieut. Delany more men if he had had any doubts of being able to manage the ship with the assistance of her own Crew. Lt. Delany selected his men & among them was a quarter Master who had been second officer in the Merchant service. As I was ten men short myself, I felt it my duty to send no more than was absolutely necessary, and as I fully expected that Mr. Delany would meet you at Cape Palmas, I supplied him with only two months provisions.

I did not direct Lieut. Delany to employ a lawyer to secure the condemnation of the vessel because I presented it to the Prosecuting clerk of the U.S. District Attorney to conduct the prosecution to whom I made a full statement of all the particulars as far as I was able to learn them, and I cannot doubt from the plain facts set forth in the report of the doings of the Chancellor but that she will be condemned.

When I sailed from Monrovia nothing had been heard about Mr. Carroll, & I have some fears that Mr. Dulany has permitted him to remain on board, although I strictly charged him to land Carroll at Cape Palmas, & in his letter to me & also to the Master he stated that he would not land him there in consequence of his ill health, but that he was going on the coast to leave him.

I gave to Lieut. Dulany a report of my proceedings in regard to the Chancellor to be transmitted to you and a copy of the same to be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy in case he did not fall in with you.

In respect to the seizure of this vessel & the release of her I am unable to state any precautions that could be taken to secure her condemnation. And I trust that my proceedings will meet with your approbation as well as that of the Hon. Secty. of the Navy.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Pope
Commander

Commodore Wm. C. Inman
Comdg. U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

Copy

U.S.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

Sir

You [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] will be furnished

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

U.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] deliver [illegible] the Judge of the

U.S. District [illegible] to whom it is directed.

We presume that the number of men furnished you for the working of the Ship will be sufficient, with the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] deposited [illegible]

[illegible]

responsible for [illegible] of the Same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed John Pope
Commander

To
Lieut [illegible]
U.S.N.

U. S. Brig Dolphin

[illegible] July 30th [illegible]

Sir

I have the honor to report [illegible]

[illegible] Department [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

the morning of [illegible]

[illegible]

with [illegible] Chandler [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

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[illegible] that the [illegible]

In making out the Channell [illegible]

to [illegible] taking [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] thorough search of every part [illegible]

of the [illegible] and [illegible]

with [illegible] the Dolphin [illegible]

[illegible] the Chandler [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 2350 feet [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] on the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] found on [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] which he [illegible]

that [illegible] a quantity of [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible]

and the [illegible] that the [illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the Commander
[illegible]
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[illegible] with [illegible]

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of [illegible] the [illegible]
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[illegible] the fort [illegible]
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from [illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]

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[illegible] then [illegible]
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[illegible] cask [illegible]
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[illegible] claim to [illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible] the other [illegible]

[illegible] the majority of persons which [illegible]
[illegible] the use of my [illegible]
[illegible] on board of [illegible]
[illegible] that they [illegible] occasionally [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] dated May [illegible] 185[illegible]

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jno. [illegible]
Commander

To
Commodore [illegible]
Commanding the [illegible]
African Squadron

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at that depot [illegible]

[illegible] Commander [illegible]

Received at [illegible]

Having received at the [illegible] instructions, Commenced [illegible] to ship another Cargo [illegible] by the last Condition of an [illegible]

Enclosed [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] health of the officers [illegible]
[illegible] generally good

I have the honor [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

(Signed) [illegible]
Commander

To
Com. [illegible] Read
Comdg U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

[illegible]

[illegible] "Macon"

[illegible] 31 May 18[illegible]

List of Vessels boarded or Spoken by the U. S. Brig "Dolphin" John Pope Esq. Commander, during the months of April, May, June, and July 1847-

Where boarded or Spoken	Date	Rate	Nation	Name	Master	Where From	Time Out	Where bound	Cargo	No. of Men	Remarks
At Sea	1846 April 10th	Ship	American	Chancellor	S. A. Freeman	he Mount				9.	Seized her on suspicion of being a Slaver-
Off C. William	" 11	Brig	English	Maestro	[illegible]	ward		Trading	Assorted		
Off [illegible]	" 12	"	"	Gambia	[illegible]	ristol		"	"		
" "	" 12	"	"	Nator		"		"	"		
Off [illegible]	" 17	Barque	American	Active	Mo. L. Gall	ston	80 days	"	Rum	10	
"	" 18	"	English	Benin		verpool	6. Weeks	"	Assorted		
Off [illegible]	" 19	Steamer	H. C. M.	Caiman	Roux	Cruise		Cruise			
" Whyda	" 20	Schooner	Sardinian	Guide	Lorenzo Guffa	ahia	3 months	Trading	Assorted	9	The Brig "E. Kalus" was taken near Whyda by H. B. M. Steamer Devastation Under Brazillian Colors, with 540 Slaves.
" Porto Novo	" 21	Steamer	H. B. M.	Devastation	Com.d Livin	Cruise		Cruise			
At Sea	" 22	"	"	Grappler		nd part of the Coast		"			
West Bay	May 3d	Brig	"	Ranger	Com.d Ander	"		"			
Gaboon River	" 10	Steamer	H. C. M.	Caiman	Roux	"		"			
" "	" 10	Brig	"	Leger	De Saffare de	Cruise		France			
" "	" 10	"	"	Hoping ole	Masson	"		Kabinda			
" "	" 10	"	"	Vine	Buron Daeri	"		Cruise			
" "	" 10	Barque	"	Indienne	Barron Gueri	"		France			
" "	" 10	Ship	"	St Aube	Meguet			Goree			
" "	" 12	Steamer	"	Narval	L. Adm.l M.	Hospital					
At Sea	June 16	Herm. Brig	American	Forrest	Attridge	Kilongo	1 day	Rio Janeiro	500 Sticks Wood.	5*	* Sailed from N York 1846 Feby 9th 2d Voyage from Brazil- 700 Galls. Water- 2 Bbls Beef- no Arms-
" "	" 18	Brig	H. B. M.	Sea Lark	Wright	Cruise		Cruise			
Kabinda	" 26	"	"	Heroine	Edward	"		"			
"	" 26	"	~~H.~~ C. M.	Leger	St Germa			"			
"	" 26	"	"	Pappillon	Grey Sen	aboon River	35 days	"			
"	" 26	Steamer	"	Elan		"	3½ "				
Monrovia	July 17.	Brig	American	Bridgton	Jas. Gilmer	stas		Bahia	Empty	$ 8	Master sick on Shore, vessel in ballast waiting for him brought over an assorted Cargo from "Bahia"

o. Pope
Commander

Boarded & Spoken by
US Brig Dolphin
July 31st 1847.

Copy

[illegible] Steam Brig [illegible]
P. Praya October 8th 1847.

Sir,

I have to report the condition of the Brig to be as follows. Her sailing qualities are of the most inferior order, five and a half knots, being her best performance on the wind.

She has not one stand of grape shot [illegible] long [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on board instead.

[illegible] more than four months since without being supplied [illegible] of sails. A request for a survey on some of the sails [illegible] thereupon.

I am 5 short of her complement of officers and men. [illegible] [illegible] One Seaman, Four ordinary seamen, [illegible] boys. Total 22.

The vessel is overrun with rats which do much damage to clothing, Provisions, Cordage and sails. [illegible] they have ruined every hammock, & cut many of the [illegible]. Upwards of 130 have been killed on board, but I know of no way to get rid of them without breaking out the [illegible].

Herewith are enclosed the several reports, surveys and requisitions named of me

A. { Advising you of a Bill drawn on Baring Brothers & Co. at St. Paul de Loanda August 27th

B.— Request for survey on sails

C.

C - Muster Roll for Quarters ending June 30th and Sept 30th

D - Purser's Bills Requisitions &c

E - Master's Monthly reports

F - Surgeon's report

G - Cruise Reports

H - Gunner's Quarterly Returns ending June 30th and Sept 30th

your obt Servt

H. H. Bell

Lieut Comdg

To

Commodore George C. Read

Commanding U. S. Naval Forces

On West Coast of Africa

Copy

United States brig "Boxer"
At sea 28th August, 1847

Sir

I have to advise you that, on the 27th August 1847, at St. Paul de Loando Mr. Maxwell Purser of this vessel negociated with C. Knights of American Brig "Brazil" a Bill on Baring Brothers & Co for one hundred pounds sterling (£100) for which he received four hundred and eighty three dollars seventy six cents, in

25 Mexican & Patriot Doubloons @ $16	$400.00
88 Five Francs @ 95 c	83.60
Cash	$483.00

Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) H. H. Bell
Lieut. Commdg.

To
Commodore Geo. C. Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Forces
On West, Coast of Africa

Report of vessels boarded and seen by the U.S. S. Boxer, from May 15th 1847 to

Where boarded or seen.	Month.	Day.	Rate of vessel.	Nation.	Where from	Number of days out	Where bound	Cargo.	Where belonging.
At Sea.	May.	28th	Man-of-War Barque	French	Gaboon.		Goree.		
At Sea.	June.	1st	Steamer	unknown.	unknown	unknown	Standing to the Nd & Wd	unknown	unknown
Off Cape Monte Verada.	"	9th	Brig.	"	"	"	unknown	"	"
At Sea	"	14th	Brig.	English	"	"	"	"	"
At anchor off Sestros River	"	14th	Brig.	unknown	"	"	"	"	"
At anchor off Sinoe.	"	15th	Ship & Brig	ship French brig English	"	"	"	"	"
At Sea.	"	16th	Schooner.	Liberia	"	"	Standing to the Nd & Wd	"	"
At Sea	"	16th	unknown sail.	unknown.	"	"	unknown	"	"
At Sea	July	15th	"Ferret" Brig of War	English.	Loango.	Four days	On a cruise.		
At Sea Lat 4° 29' South Long 11° 08' East	"	21st	"Grand" " " "	"	Loango.	One day	on a cruise		
At Sea	August.	2d	"Heroine" " " "	"	unknown.		At anchor off the Congo.		National.
At Sea	"	2d	"Wanderer" " " "	"	"		" " " " " "		"
Ambrize	"	[illegible]th	"Geo Canning" Sloop.	"	England.	unknown.	Trading along the Coast.	Assorted	unknown
Ambrize	"	[illegible]th	Brig "West"	"	"	"	Trading.	assorted.	England.
Ambrize	"	[illegible]th	"J.W. Huntington" American brig.	American	Rio	Forty two days	Congo & the North	assorted slave cargo.	New York.
At Sea	"	18th	Man-of-War Barque "Relampago"	Portuguese	On a cruise	unknown.	On a cruise.		National.
Off Loando	"	11th	Sloop.	"	unknown.	"	Loando.	unknown.	
At Loando	"	10th	"Papillon" Brig of War	French	"	"	unknown.		National
At Loando	"	10th	Brig of War	Portuguese.	"	"	"		National.
At St Paul de Loando	"	27th	Brig "Brazil"	American	New Orleans	"	Trading & for Rio	Assorted	United States.
At St Paul de Loando	"	27th	Barque "[illegible]"	American	Salem.	"	Trading on the Coast	Assorted.	Salem U. States.
At Monrovia.	September	19th	Brig Timbuctoo.	English	Bristol.	28 days.	" " " "	"	Bristol. England.
At Sea.			Schr "Caracco".	Spanish.	Bissoa.	unknown.	Santa Cruz Teneriffe	Gums & wood &c	" unknown

H. H. Bell
Lt Commt

6.

f. 31 Sep 1847

[illegible]

[illegible]

Geo. C.

Commr Read.

No 18
24 Aug

Ansd Feb 28 1848.

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Geo. C. Read

Commo: Read

No 19
26 Aug 47

R 29th March 8. Ham

Commo. Read.

No 20.
6 Octo. 1844

[illegible] Dillard

[illegible]

[127] Nov 8 Ha

No. 20

U.S. Ship United States
Porto Praya Septr 12th 1844

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to send a communication from John T. Mason Passd Asst. Surgeon of the U.S. Brig Dolphin. I have been on board of the Brig and carefully examined into the condition of the sick and invalids, and concur in the opinion of Dr Mason, that the recommendation of sending them on shore is required by humanity and the necessary discomforts of the ship.

All this is respectfully submitted for your consideration and decision.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt Servt.
(Signed) T. Dillard
Fleet Surgeon
African Squadron.

To
Commo. G. C. Read
Comg. U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

U. S. Steam [illegible]
[illegible] Sept [illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible] of the limited and unsuitable accommodations on board I would respectfully request that they may be sent on shore [illegible] largely better [illegible] and more ample ventilation.

Very Respectfully
Signed [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
Flag Officer
U. S. African Squadron

[illegible] Mason

U. S. Brig "Dolphin"

Porto Grande - 8 Sep 1847

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(Requesting that the sick
may be sent on shore.)

Copy. 115

U. S. Brig Dolphin
Porto Grande 27th Oct [illegible]

Sir

The sick amend but slowly and I think it more than probable will not again be fit for active duty upon this station.

The Crew generally though not sick are much debilitated by long continuance in tropical regions.

Very Respectfully
Signed J. J. Minor
Psd. Surgeon

Commander John Pope
Comm.g U. S. Brig Dolphin

U. S. Brig Dolphin
Porto Grande Octr [illegible]

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a report of the Passed Assist. Surgeon of this vessel, stating the general debility of the Crew and the slow recovery of the sick and expressing his opinion of their unfitness for duty on this station. And I respectfully request that you will direct a survey upon the sick and an examination of the health of the Crew generally

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed John Pope
Commander

Commodore Geo. C. Read
Comm.g U. S. African
Squadron.

U. S. F. U. States
[illegible]
1st Oct 1847.

Gent

You are hereby appointed to examine into the facts as stated in the report made by Passed Asst Surgeon Mason of the U. S. Brig Dolphin on the subject of the health of the Crew of that vessel and report to me in writing the result of the examination which it is expected will be made with all due consideration for the rules of humanity and the good of the service.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed Geo. C. Read
West Coast of Africa

To
Capt. J. H. Smoot
Asst Surgeon J. Dillard
Passd Asst Surgeon J. S. Mason

U. S. Brig Dolphin
[illegible] Oct 2d 1847.

Sir

In obedience to your order of yesterday's date, we have carefully examined into the condition of that Brig and the general health of the Crew of that vessel and respectfully report that we found Eighteen Sick, most of them with fever and the effects of fever, and the general health of the Crew not good. Therefore we are of opinion that it is expedient & proper that the Brig should be sent home at as early a period as possible.

Very Respectfully
Signed Jos. J. Smoot
Capt
Signed J. Dillard
Asst Surgeon
Signed J. S. Mason
Pd Surgeon

Approved. Geo. C. Read
Comdr U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

Commodore Geo. C. Read
Commd. U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

U. S. Brig "Dolphin"
Porto Grande Oct 4th 1847

Sir,

I have to report that on examination of the sails of this Vessel, one suit is found to be condemnable & the other may be considered good for two or three months wear in ordinary weather. I therefore respectfully request that you will order a survey to be held on them.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Jno. Pope
Commander

Commodore George C. Read
Comdg U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

State of health of [illegible] crew
of the U. S. Brig "Dolphin" -
Porto Grande 4 Oct 1847
H

U. S. F. "U. States."
Porto Grande
4 Oct 1847.

Gent. You are hereby directed to repair on board the U. S. Brig "Dolphin" and there to hold a strict & careful survey on the sails mentioned in the foregoing report; and on the completion of said duty, make known your opinion to me in writing.

I am Very respy
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) George C. Read.
Comg U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

To
Captain J. Smoot,
Lieut. A. H. Kilty,
G. H. Scott.

U. S. Frigate "United States"
Porto Grande Oct 4th 1847.

Sir,

We have agreeably to your order of the 4th inst, held a strict & careful survey on the sails of the U. S. Brig "Dolphin" and make the following report.

That one entire suit is totally unfit for use, & the sails which are now bent may last in moderate weather with care, some three or four months.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servts
(Signed) Joseph Smoot. Capt.
A. H. Kilty Lieut.
G. H. Scott.
Jas. Frazer. Sail maker.

To
Commodore George C. Read
Comg U. S. Naval Forces.
West Coast of Africa.

Approved
G. C. Read
Comg U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

U.S. Frigate "United States"
Porto Grande, Octo. [illegible]

Sir

I respectfully recommend that the following [illegible] duty:

Names	Rate	Disease
rnes Donavan.	Sea.	Wound of arm
ter Fitzgerald.	Dr. Gr.	Affection of heart
ederick Lawrence.	O.S	" " "
ndrew Johnson.	Sea.	Dropsy
alter Wilson.	O.S	Glandular affection
hn W. Nichols	"	Stricture
hn Collins	"	Disease of lungs
orge Burke.	"	Effects of Fever
William King	Sea.	
hn Furnham	"	
William Brayton	"	
seph T. Lamont	Dr. Gr.	
chy Wilson	Sea.	
m S. Clarke.	O.S	
William H. Hallett	"	
n A. Adams	"	

Respectfully &c.

T. Dillard,
Fleet Surgeon.

Commr. Geo. C. Read
Comdg. U.S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa

App'd: Joseph Smoot
Capt.

(1849) Fleet Surgeon [illegible]

(Copy)

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir:

On my arrival at Monrovia on the 11th [illegible] found that the Colony of Liberia had [illegible] Independent nation [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the Free.

I herewith enclose a copy (marked 1) of a letter [illegible] Governor Roberts addressed to me [illegible] of the [illegible] of his government and [illegible] it the [illegible] independent nation, and a copy marked 2 of my reply [illegible] also a printed copy of the Declaration of their Independence.

I trust Sir that my proceedings [illegible] meet your approbation.

Your Obedt Servt
(Sgd) [illegible]
[illegible]

To
Commodore George C. Read
Commanding U.S. Naval Forces
On the West Coast of Africa.

Copy

Government House
Monrovia Septr 13th [illegible]

Sir

[illegible] of the [illegible] Republic [illegible]

The [illegible] a description of the flag [illegible] of the Republic [illegible] the Stars [illegible] white Star"

[illegible] that you will [illegible] and independent nations.

Accompanying please receive a printed copy of the declaration of Independence

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sign) J. J. Roberts

To
Capt. T. T. Bell
Commd. U.S. Brig [illegible] Monrovia Roads

Copy

U. S. Brig [illegible]
Monrovia Roads.
December 8th 1847

To His Excellency
J. J. Roberts
Governor of the Republic of Liberia

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of this date, informing me that the people of the Commonwealth of Liberia, by their Delegates in Convention assembled have declared the said Commonwealth an Independent and Sovereign State under the name and style of the Republic of Liberia"

And enclosing a description of the Flag which has been adopted as the emblem of their nationality also a printed copy of the Declaration of Independence

Accompanied with a request, that I will extend to the Republic that comity which marks the friendly intercourse of civilized and Independent communities

In reply to the last clause of your Excellency's note, I can only say that those civilities and ceremonies which are usually interchanged between the authorities of a Foreign Country and U. S. vessels of war shall be cheerfully fulfilled by me, in my intercourse with the established within authorities of Liberia, until I can make known to the Commander in Chief of the U. S. Naval Forces on the West coast of Africa, the momentous change which has been effected in the Government of Liberia

I am Sir
With profound respect
Your Excellency's Obedt. Servt.
(signed) H. H. Bell
Lieut Comdg
U. S. Brig Boxer

Sir,

[illegible]

[illegible] on the 12th [illegible]

[illegible] sufficient [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] under the [illegible]

[illegible] the rate of [illegible]

[illegible]

On the 13th [illegible]

[illegible] watering [illegible]

[illegible] sufficient [illegible]

[illegible] the Captain and [illegible]

[illegible] and the [illegible] turned [illegible]

[illegible] on the [illegible] August [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] passengers.

Among them was [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] until she shall be visited by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] addition [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trade [illegible] deck, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] done [illegible] that he [illegible] off [illegible] [illegible] from this Coast. [illegible] [illegible] and that the [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of humbug upon the [illegible] [illegible] to the U. S. [illegible] Brig [illegible] the American Brig "[illegible]" boarded by this vessel [illegible] Atlantic last, was out from the [illegible] with just [illegible] Cargo and similarly chartered: the master of the [illegible] "[illegible]" reports that she now lies [illegible] having safely landed 300 slaves at Cape Frio proceeded into Rio under Brazilian colors, where owners were suffered to strip her of all her furniture and then the Government seized her as a [illegible] [illegible] the American Crew having left her at [illegible] [illegible] the Slaves were taken on board. In these trans[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the mode in which the American Flag [illegible] promotes a trade which no other Flag can, and the [illegible] used to which it is applied by foreign [illegible] [illegible] but the [illegible] to vindicate the freedom their [illegible] [illegible] it is all done, if not under the [illegible] of the U. S. at least not contrary to them, as we [illegible] been admonished by the decision in the case of the [illegible] The American Factory at this place is the princip

[illegible] establishment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the Southern Coast, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] vessel [illegible] [illegible] Salem Mass. and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to eight vessels annually.

Upon the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of which American vessels [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from Brazil [illegible] [illegible] to the South Coast. Some of them as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Slaves under Brazilian Colors. The American [illegible] just [illegible] them [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] are [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

On the 11th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] with great [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the 12th [illegible] On the 22nd the [illegible] [illegible] American vessels [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and a quantity of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] on the [illegible] the South, a [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]; nothing [illegible] to escape [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] between [illegible] [illegible] fine sixteen gun brig [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], which are right [illegible] and report [illegible] to suppress the Slave trade, though some [illegible] are carried by the spirit of Trade.

On the [illegible] [illegible] at St. Paul again [illegible] an opportunity [illegible] [illegible] American [illegible] that [illegible] to [illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Frigate U.S. [illegible] [illegible] and the Barque Sea Mew connected with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in myself and visit [illegible] U.S. Steamer "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] British Admiralty [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], under the auspices of the British [illegible] and the Spanish Government.

[illegible] my intercourse with Americans on that part of the Coast I learned that the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] the South Coast, [illegible] the trade [illegible] on the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] from St. [illegible], [illegible] as far as [illegible] South [illegible] [illegible] Benguela.

[illegible] [illegible] my instructions [illegible] my provisions [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible] from the Coast on the afternoon of August [illegible] to [illegible] to the [illegible] Report.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the U.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I was informed that the [illegible] [illegible] Squadron had [illegible] [illegible] place, preparation to leaving the African Coast and there being no instructions [illegible].

I am happy to [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] to be satisfied [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] that I have [illegible] and that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible]
(Signed) H. [illegible]
[illegible]

Commodore [illegible]
Commanding U.S. Naval Forces
On West Coast of Africa